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July 16, 1992

Ag. Congregational Group Builds Homes For Self-Help

Six families in Norway, Maine, gained their first homes, thanks to Agawam Congregational Church and other volunteer groups around New England.

Youth advisors Susan Graham and Peter Hallock of Agawam, along with three other members of the church—John Bryan, also from Agawam, and Stuart and Diane Kibbe from West Springfield—took 11 teenagers from their church to build these homes as part of the Community Concepts Self-Help Home Building Program.

This national program of self-help home building has been in existence for over 20 years, but has not been active in the state of Maine for at least 15 years.

In the Northeast Region (from Maine south to Virginia and west to Minnesota), there are 15 projects scheduled for completion, with between 12 and 60 houses per project. It is a two-year project with only one other project begun in Massachusetts in 1989.

The families who participate in the program must meet strict guidelines of income levels, must have a good credit rating, and must agree to spend a minimum of 25 hours per week working at one of the six housing sites.

The purpose of forming a project association of families is to create a group of people who work for the good of each other, not for the sole good of the individual.

The program is federally funded and upon completion, the homes will be mortgaged to each family under a federal housing program with Farmer's Home Administration and make them first-time homeowners.

SEE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL - Families Section...



SUSAN GRAHAM (right) of Agawam helps Maine resident Cindy Kimball build her new home as part of the Community Concepts Self-Help Home Building Program. STORY & MORE PHOTOS FAMILIES SECTION.

Town Rallies Around Michael Pietroniro

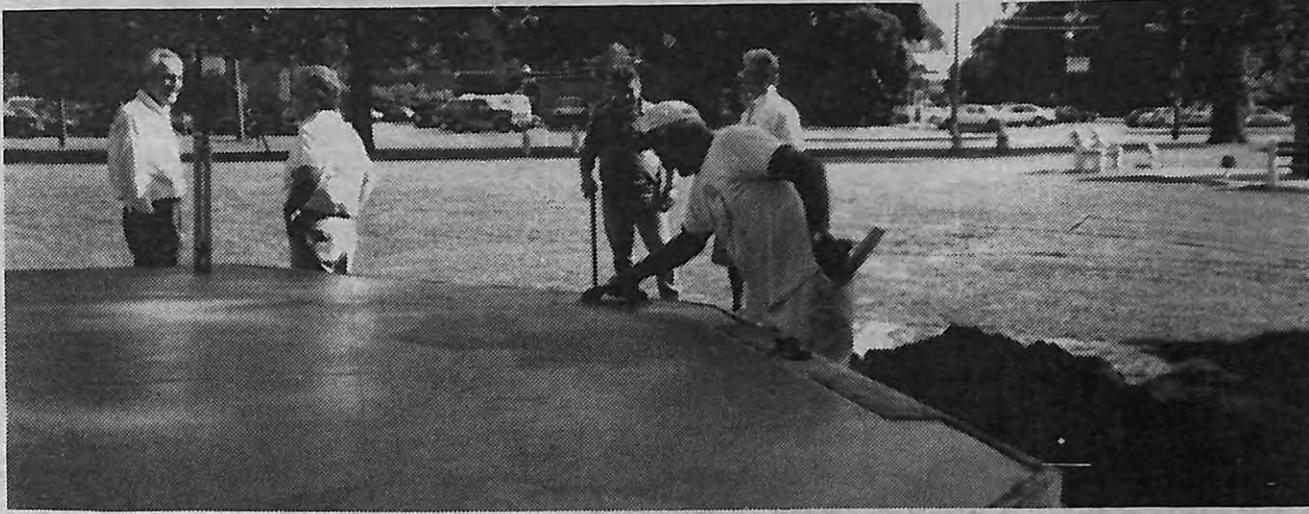


OLDE SYKES RESTAURANT on Main Street, Agawam hosted a fundraiser with WMAS Radio on Thursday, July 6th, to benefit the Michael Pietroniro Fund. IN PHOTO LEFT, Michael receives a pony ride with the assistance of his sister, KIMBERLY; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Vincent Pietroniro and son Michael (left) are greeted by George E. Kennedy of WMAS and Cathi Edelman, owner and operator of the restaurant. Similar fundraisers are being hosted by EB's Specialty Restaurant on Friday, July 17th, and on Saturday, July 18th, at Mitch's Garden Center and Showplace on Suffield Street. STORY INSIDE, RELATED PHOTO IN SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Lions Present \$1,000 To Vets Memorial



HELPING GET THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY GAZEBO off the ground, the Agawam Lions Club presented the Agawam Veterans' Council with a donation of \$1,000. Pictured above are, from left - Jerry Couture, Veterans Council member; John Negrucci, outgoing Lions president; Donald Rheault, Lions Club Civic Improvements chairman; Mark McCormick, Veterans' Council chairman; Ruth Bitzas, veterans agent; and Louis Russo, associate member of Veterans' Council and Agawam Town Councilor. IN PHOTO BELOW, Tony Pollaco puts the finishing touches on the concrete work. The project is going well and more donations are needed. Photos courtesy of Thomas Acquaro.



Fire-Wise by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Electricity Causes Fires

We rely on electricity to do so many things in our daily lives, from that first cup of coffee in the morning to the nightly news before we go to bed, and countless activities in-between.

To keep you and your family safe from electrical fires, the Agawam Fire Department encourages you to use the following guidelines:

- When you shop for appliances or tools, look for the mark of a recognized testing laboratory, i.e., Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM), on the box or appliance itself.
- If an appliance is hot to the touch, sparks or does not operate properly, unplug it immediately and have it repaired or replaced.
- Portable appliances should only be plugged in when you intend to use them. Otherwise, keep them unplugged.
- On appliances with removable power cords, always unplug at the source of power first.
- Be on the lookout for damaged or frayed cords and wires and replace when necessary. Take care not to kink, twist, or cut any cord.
- If an appliance has a three-prong plug, do not attempt to use it in a two-slot electrical outlet by cutting off the third prong or bending it out of the way.
- Keep appliances clean and lubricated according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Minimize the use of extension cords. They are designed for temporary use only and should be the right capacity for the tools or appliances on which they are used.
- If you are experiencing problems with blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers, have a qualified electrician check your electrical system.

If you have an electrical fire, remember you shouldn't use water to extinguish it. You could receive a severe shock. If you know the fire's source is electrical, turn the power off or pull the plug.

If the fire is small, put it out, but be prepared to evacuate the area and call the fire department. If you can't turn the power off, a multi-purpose (ABC), dry chemical extinguisher can be used.

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Melconian Outlines Welfare Initiatives

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) today outlined highlights of some of her welfare initiatives that were included in the Senate budget for Fiscal Year '93.

Melconian stated: "Each year, for the past four years, I have worked in the Senate to drastically reform the philosophy underlying Welfare programs providing cash benefits to needy individuals and families."

"Adopted this year as part of the FY93 budget, my amendments direct the Department of Public Welfare to restructure Aid For Dependent Children (AFDC) into a transitional program to help people get off welfare."

The proposed new initiatives, subject to availability of funds and/or Federal Waivers, would end generational and long-term dependence on public assistance, setting a time limit for benefits.

Other components, among others, include:

- Benefit eligibility determined by the size of the family at the time of application.

- Required employment training participation and mandatory job search, or loss of benefits.

- Voluntary community service work in designated areas of high unemployment targeted to those long-term recipients.

- Authorization for the recipient to retain some part-time stipend to ease the transition from full Welfare benefits to fulfilling self-reliant employment.

- Reduction of cash benefits upon job readiness.

Melconian's plan also directs the State Department of Public Welfare to study some of the reforms enacted in other states, (Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin) with recommendation for implementation in Massachusetts.

The Melconian reforms also include a workfare program which will provide valuable work experience for those recipients who have minimal work experience.

In Western Massachusetts, high unemployment rates and low pay levels make it increasingly difficult for entry level workers who lack experience in the work place to find a job in which they can support a family.

Targeted for those recipients who have long-term dependence on public assistance, Senator Melconian's plan calls for community work service for AFDC recipients who cannot locate employment.

"By providing an opportunity to develop good work skills in a community service project, we hope to provide the recipient with the transitional assistance and work experience which helps them to enter the competitive job market," stated Melconian.

Melconian emphasized, "The most important goal is to change our thinking about the Massachusetts Welfare. It can no longer be a program of permanent public assistance. It must be transitional to help people help themselves through these difficult times."

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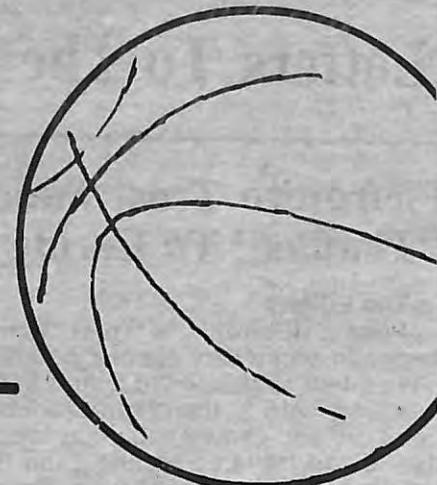
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Letters To The Editor

Pietroniro Trust Fund Sends "Thanks" To Caring People

To The Editor:

Michael Pietroniro's Trust Fund is growing, thanks to some very special people.

We'd like to thank Old Sykes Mill for their help in raising \$215 at their restaurant during an evening of fun and games and great food. Many thanks also to the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam for donating the proceeds from their Sports Card Show to Michael—another \$200!

During the Fourth of July picnic, \$203 was raised at the Dunking Booth. Many, many thanks to those brave people who volunteered to get wet for Michael.

Michael's surgery has been estimated to cost \$35,000 and we've got a long way to go yet, but the wonderful, caring people of Agawam and the surrounding towns have helped us raise \$15,000 so far!

Our sincere thanks to everyone.

Michael Pietroniro Trust Fund Committee

July 4th Committee Sends Many Thanks For Help

To The Editor:

Once the rain let up, and the sun blessed us with its presence, over "2,000" people walked the Southworth grounds for the annual town picnic!

Country bands, pie-eating contests, as well as sack and three-legged races, entertained children of all ages. The hay wagon, brought to the grounds by Gary Turnbull, was a hit again this year.

Face painting was free, and we estimate "200" people took advantage of our artistic volunteers. Special thanks to the Miss Agawams, under the direction of Ms. Lori Andruss Boyle, for donating their time for our town.

A real treat was having free watermelon served by Nicole Pajer, Miss National Teen 1992.

We would like to thank the many, many people who made this day possible. From the very start, giving us direction and endless information, Cas Tryba with our Health Department. Tony Albro, with his expertise, steered us away from a near disaster with the electricity. Thanks, guys!

And, of course, the PERFECT grounds for this year's picnic, Southworth Paper Company! Thank you, John and Dave, for allowing us the use of your land.

To Town Councilors Louis Russo and Gary Sutriti, for helping to raise the much-needed funds for our Fireworks display. To Town Councilor Tommy Ennis, for always being there for us—the "sponsor board" was perfect!

To a group of people who stood back and let it all fall into place, asking nothing in return ... the great members of the Cranker's Antique Car Club. These special people assisted in bringing picnic tables, barrels, and a dance floor to the grounds.

They were our security from the time our first vendor set up. For three days AND nights, they stayed with me on the grounds to see to it all was secure. They opened their homes and their hearts to us, and they will never be forgotten.

Also, to feel so secure, when surrounded by Agawam's Finest! Thank you to our police officers of the day: Mark Poggi, Don Loncto, and Brian Connors.

And, we could not—and would not—have had "fireworks" in town without the consent of Frank "Mushy" Grasso. Three cheers for you, sir, for opening your property to us; Agawam salutes you!

Not to be forgotten, my committee—Sharon Theroux, Karen Chartier, and Joann McGeoghan. This was a tough year for fundraising; I thank you for being so strong and not discouraging easily.

The many hours you put into a one-day event ... I, along with all who attended the festivities or watched the brilliant skies, thank you ever so much!

Jane Dennis, Organizer

P.S.: In order to acknowledge their efforts, here is a listing of those individuals and businesses that contributed to the annual town picnic:

Valenti's, Perotta Auto, Joe Mariel, Louise DeForge, McCarthy Tile, Agawam Glass, Futuristic Real Estate, Taylor Rental, Balzer's Tool Coaters, Tighe Bond, Dr. Curtis, Joe Conte, Rooster Concrete, Commercial Disposal, Nick Urbaneti, Witch Equipment, Carol Taylor, Feeding Hills Public Market Patrons, Bancroft Bridal, Travel Connection International, Rack n Cue, Allen Lawnmower, T.J. Sporthouse, Dick Brindle, Dance Club, Richard Theroux, Grand National, George & Green, Anthony Bonavita, and Park Side Motors.

Furthermore, here is a listing of those individuals and businesses that donated to the Fourth of July fireworks:

Thomas Coppola, Al D'Agostina, Peter Forestiere, Louis Massoia, R. Kudworth, Richard Dudek, Maureen Scibelli, Tom & Mary Leahy, Bob Swiklas, Luigi's Auto Body, Earl Hollister, Stanley Chmielewski, John Cardoropoli, Casa Di Lisa, Bruno's Pizza, Rosemarie Remillard, Jack Stone, Ruth Bitzas, Mike Walsh, Paula Burke, Vickie, Al Longhi, Linda Melconian, Stacy Insurance, Lili Stacy, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Valego, DeCaro Bros. Landscaping, Cascio Nurseries, Mark Mazka, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Forni, Congressman John Olver.

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The balance of collected funds have been invested to ultimately build a self-sustaining principle which will provide annual scholarships, regardless of annual fundraising events. Your participation can help us achieve this goal and, by so doing, aid deserving Western Massachusetts students in their academic endeavors.

The Fifth Annual Timothy Sunstrom Memorial Scholarship Open will take place on Sunday, August 23rd, at the Agawam Country Club, with a smorgasbord to follow at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club in Springfield.

If you played last year, we invite you to join us again this year. If you contributed cash or prizes last year (including sponsoring a hole for \$50), we ask that you consider another donation this year.

If you didn't play last year but would like to play this year, or if you know someone who would like to participate, the Committee would deeply appreciate any participation or any charitable donation that an organization/company could make to sponsor a hole or aid in the raffle.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,
The Timothy Sunstrom Memorial
Scholarship Open Committee

Dad Responds To Letter About Jr. High Yearbooks

To The Editor:

In response to Cathy Rivers' article, "Reading Jr. High Yearbooks Gives Moms An Eyeful," in the July 9th issue Editorial Page.

Where have you been, Cathy? For years, Agawam has portrayed itself as a class act—our kids superior in intelligence and morality, above surrounding communities. Open your eyes. You spoke of foul mouthed junior high knothheads. Most kids are indoctrinated in elementary school.

It's the new standard, it's cool. Join them or become a dork, is a nightmare many good kids face. Movies, T.V., music, peer pressure, etc., should not deter parents from instilling high standards in their children. Most of those knothheads are reinforced or encouraged at home and overlooked at school.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sunday, July 19th

"Christmas In July/Benefit Fun Day" to raise money for Michael Pietroniro Fund
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Wednesday, July 22nd

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Thursday, July 23rd

Performance by Ninots Puppet Theatre for children who belong to either the Summer Reading & Read-To-Me Club
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LETTERS - from Page 4...

My children are no angels, but they know I stand firmly against any form of disrespectful behavior. And that they, and I, will be held accountable.

So much for me. How about anyone else? Specifically, without running your mouths, please, how about school administrators?

Sincerely,
Jeff Leporati

A Letter To Lisa Ziegert**We Never Met, But...**

I went to your grave today. You and I had never met. You might wonder why I take an interest in you. For a reason that I am unable to explain, I have followed your case intently since the moment your disappearance became public.

The more I learned about you, the more I realized the likelihood that we would have crossed paths. I frequented the restaurant across from the shop where you worked. In fact, I had gone into that shop a week earlier to buy a card for someone.

I can't remember who waited on me, but it was not you. You, I surely would not have forgotten. I exercised at the same place that you did. I have attended the same college from where you receiv-

ed your degree. It was simply a matter of time that you and I would meet. I guess there is no more time now.

I cried on Easter when I heard the news. My heart bled for you and all those that love you. I wanted to be able to help in some way. I decided to go to your wake if only to show my support for your family and friends. I waited in line for almost two hours, wondering what I could possibly say to your family.

I looked at the wonderful collection of pictures displayed. You are so beautiful. Your photos revealed your vivacious spirit. Your parents were so very gracious. Your family seemed to be held together by a powerful bond of love. I was grateful to come to this place to share my sadness about you with others.

I made a commitment to myself that I want to share with you. We never met, but I promise that as long as I live I will never forget you. You and I were a part of the same community. You might have been my children's teacher. We could have become friends.

You clearly touched many lives and continue to do so. You should be alive today. So Lisa, I will forever hold a place in my heart for you and your family. I will not forget.

Love,
Betsy Mason-Romanik
Feeding Hills

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, July 23, 1992, at 7:15 PM, in the Faolin Pierce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of Grimaldi to perform work subject to the ACT on 1279 Springfield Street.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Middle School, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of KATHLEEN AND ROBERT REED who are appealing the written decision of the Building Inspector concerning the operation of a business (Moosehead Harvesting, Inc.), at the premises identified as 925 SHOEMAKER LANE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
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Nursing Home Bill In State Senate Says Melconian

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced the approval of her amendment to the Senate Budget which would prevent Medicaid from issuing new regulations which no longer would reserve a nursing home bed for a Medicaid resident who temporarily left the facility for brief hospitalization.

Senator Melconian pointed out: "I am opposed to any change in the so-called 'ten day bed hold.' The purpose of the 'bed hold payments' is to instill in our elderly a sense of security and stability in knowing that they can return to the same facility, room, and roommate after a medical leave of absence.

"I can think of nothing more cruel, insensitive, or inhuman than to tell elderly residents of nursing homes—their final homes—'you cannot go to the hospital for essential acute medical treatment, because if you do, you will lose your home, your bed is gone. You may not even be able to return to the same nursing home.'"

This proposed new regulation would not even save Medicaid money, which can be the only reason for its implementation. Rather, it would result in longer hospital stays for the elderly while social workers look for other nursing homes to place recuperating patients after their need for acute care is terminated.

It would end up costing Medicaid hundreds of thousands of dollars more a year.

In addition, the Senate approved another Melconian-supported amendment which would prohibit implementation of a proposed regulation to increase medical eligibility requirements for Medicaid-funded nursing home care.

Melconian stated, "I am appalled at the Administration's lack of compassion for the elderly and their families. Medicaid's proposal for tougher nursing home standards would significantly curtail eligibility and restrict beds for needy elders who require long-term care.

"Nearly 10-percent of those presently residing in nursing homes in our area would be ineligible under these proposed regulations."

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RICHARD K. SULLIVAN

Richard Sullivan Seeks County Commission

Richard K. Sullivan, Sr., 57, of 70 Highland Avenue, Westfield, recently announced his candidacy for the office of Hampden County Commissioner. Sullivan, who is retiring as Superintendent of Schools in Hadley, stated that for too long, there has been no leadership from the County Commissioners.

"I am seeking the office of County Commissioner to bring back to County government the leadership and managerial skills which are sorely lacking in the current Commissioners. My administrative experience in both the private and public sectors qualifies me to research, plan and implement programs for the benefit of our County."

"Since 1989, the Commissioners have known that upon completion of the new Hampden County Correctional Institution at Ludlow and within 60 days of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, that the present York Street facility would have to, by State law, cease to be used as a correctional facility. (M.G.L.A. c. 712, s. 6, Acts of 1989.)"

Sullivan stated that early this year, the Commissioners hired a professional consultant to study the reuse of the York Street Jail. One Commissioner wants to use the facility as a tourist attraction. There is no definite plan. It is now July, and the new jail should be on line in October.

If a definite plan is not implemented immediately, the building will just sit vacant and be subject to vandalism and deterioration. The Commission has failed to act for three years.

Sullivan also stated that in Agawam, the County owns nearly 200 acres of land which has sat idle. The only proposed use to date is to develop a County golf course. The County should use this valuable resource for a more beneficial use, such as housing for the elderly. Currently, there are Federal and State monies available to develop elderly housing and this option should be explored.

"The Commission has failed and neglected to provide leadership and as a result, County government has become ineffective and wasteful. There is a definite need for change, and I ask that on September 15th, you use one of your two votes for change and vote for Richard K. Sullivan, Sr."

Howard A. Dickstein, CFP Certified Financial Planner



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Senate Candidate Caplin Says He's Behind Elderly Trying To Protect 'Final Home'

Bill Caplin, Republican candidate for the State Senate in the First Hampden District, says he stands behind our elders in trying to protect "their final home." Caplin feels that current regulation proposals on "bed holding" could do more harm to our elders, than benefit to the budget crisis.

"I'm primary care giver to my 89 year old Aunt Mae, in a nursing home in Worcester, as well as for my Aunt Eva, in a Brookline nursing home," says Caplin. "I know how devastating the loss of their final home would be to either of my aunts and I would do just about anything to ensure that they don't have to be uprooted at this stage of their lives. When Aunt Mae's nursing home moved her last summer from the south wing to the north wing because she needed more care, she was upset for weeks. I was really afraid for her and feared the worst, due to the stress this small move caused her."

His work on the Board of Directors of the Greater Springfield Senior Services has shown him that "there are numerous cases where elders can receive in-home services that make it possible for them to stay at home for a much lower cost than going to a nursing home," says Caplin.

Although nursing homes are required to take residents back to the same facility after a hospital stay, there are cases where beds are not immediately available and the person may stay longer in the hospital, just waiting to get back into

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She continued, "Currently, Medicaid pays for nursing home care for elders who require at least one nursing service and assistance in two other nursing areas or activities, such as eating, dressing, toileting, or bathing.

"According to figures released by the Massachusetts Federation of Nursing Homes, if the Governor's regulations had been approved, approximately 1,500 elders would be prohibited from nursing home care."

Although the Conference Committee has not

the nursing home. This costs the state more due to the higher costs of hospital stays.

"There should be more thought put into the system to ensure that our elders are not unnecessarily disrupted while looking for better ways to cut the Medicaid budget," Caplin said.

While Caplin agrees with the need for some major changes in the Medicaid system, "it should not be at the expense of our elders," says Caplin. Caplin does agree that the eligibility requirements should be tightened.

Finally, Caplin says there should be mechanisms to encourage elders with sufficient assets to purchase Long Term Care (nursing home) Insurance Policies to "pay their own way for three to five years, and then let the Medicaid system pick them up, while allowing them to retain or give away their assets."

As it is now, wealthy elders give their assets away prior to going into nursing homes and they go on Medicaid almost immediately upon entering the nursing home. If we encourage elders to pay their own way for three to five years, we will save the state many dollars in early nursing home payments.

"Families of residents will also be happy because they will not have to "spend down" to Medicaid levels, leaving their loved one destitute, while even retaining many of their assets for future generations."

released its report, both the Massachusetts House and the Massachusetts Senate voted to prevent the Weld Administration from reducing Medicaid nursing home benefits as of July 1st.

"If the Governor vetoes the Melconian amendment, I will vote to override," stated Melconian, adding, "I appreciate receiving the many calls and letters from the elderly and their families on these issues.

"Together, we will continue to fight these insensitive efforts to take away necessary health benefits and state services for which elderly nursing home residents are entitled," she concluded.

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Agawam Obituaries

R. Francis Milici

R. Francis Milici, 80, of 21 Virginia Street, a retired meat inspector and veterinarian, died recently at home.

He was a federal meat inspector, and supervised 210 meat inspectors in addition to coordinating federal and state programs. He also served as chief of meat and poultry inspection with the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

From 1940 to 1970, he was a meat inspector for the Department of Agriculture, and during the early 1960s was sent to Italy to help establish a meat inspection system there.

Milici also initiated the Connecticut meat inspection system, and was a former Agawam health agent.

Born in Manhattan, New York City, he was a graduate of St. John's College in Brooklyn, New York City. He received his doctorate of veterinary medicine from Cornell University in New York.

He lived in Agawam for the past 35 years.

He served in the Army in the China-Burma-India theater in World War II, and was discharged as a captain.

He held memberships in many associations, including the American Veterinary Medical Association; the Federal Veterinary Employees Association; the Association of Food and Drug Officials; Unico National's Agawam chapter, of which he was a past president, and the Western Massachusetts Veterinarians Association.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Emily L. Abys; two sons, Reynard F. of Haydenville and Richard J. of Agawam; a daughter, Cynthia L. Littlefield of Southwick; a sister, Helen Conticelli of Toms River, New Jersey, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bishop Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, in care of Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Robert W. Mason

Robert W. Mason, 63, of 88 Doane Avenue, Agawam, a retired 42-year floor-covering employee for area floor and rug companies, died in Clinton Hospital. He retired in 1988.

Born in Springfield, he was graduated from West Springfield High School in 1946, and moved to Agawam in 1956.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Carpenters Union Local 108.

He leaves his wife, the former Barbara J. Herrick; a son, Glenn R., and a daughter, Joanne L. Mason, both of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Program at the Visiting Nurse Association, P.O. Box 516, Springfield, MA, 01151-0516, or the Alzheimer's Disease and Research Foundation's Western Massachusetts Chapter, 240 Main Street, Northampton, MA, 01060.

Archie V. Merrill

Archie V. Merrill, 87, of 37 Plantation Drive, a retired 47-year assistant foreman at Felters Co. in Millbury, died recently in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

Born in Ticonderoga, New York, he lived here from 1974.

He leaves his wife of 55 years, the former E. Ermine Garvey; a daughter, Kay L. Sumera of Agawam; a brother, Charles E. of Orange City, Florida, and a grandson.

The funeral will be at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to Open Pantry Community Services Inc.'s Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 5127, Springfield 01101-5127.

James E. Drury

James E. Drury 3rd, 20, of 35 Kosciusko Avenue, Feeding Hills, a two-year employee of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, died of injuries he suffered in a car accident in Amherst.

He was a student at the Technical Careers Institute in Windsor, CT.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills most of his life, and was graduated from Agawam High School in 1989. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his parents, James E. Drury Jr. of Feeding Hills and Dale J. (Eisele) Drury of Cary, N.C., and his grandmothers, Emily Drury of West Park, N.Y., and Vivian Eisele of Raleigh, N.C.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to DARE, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030.

Carl C. Crawford

Carl C. Crawford, 92, of 36 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, a retired machinist at the former H.E. Dickerman Co. of Springfield, died in a Westfield nursing home. He retired in 1968.

He lived in Brimfield and Westfield before moving to Feeding Hills 11 years ago.

He leaves his wife of 68 years, the former Bertha Davis; a son, Carl J. of Westfield; a daughter, Dorothy L. Youmell of Southampton; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

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Families

Agawam AFS Hosts Busload Of Departing Teens

The bus full of 38 foreign students and a single male chaperone departed from the parking lot of the Agawam Polish American Club at nearly 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9th.

For the students, it meant the time had arrived to return to their homelands after a year stay's in the United States with American families as members of the American Intercultural Programs (AFS).

The bus was destined for CW Post University on Long Island. Once there, some 3,500 AFS students and AFS staff members and volunteers from the New York City international headquarters would begin the three day process of shuttling these students to Kennedy International Airport. At JFK, the AFS students began the last leg of their journeys to countries throughout Europe, the Mid-East, and parts of Africa.

For members of the Agawam Chapter of AFS, the 1991-92 AFS year was finally over. The four Agawam High AFS students had left their host families in this community on Thursday afternoon, July 2nd. They were joined by approximately 36 other AFS students in the Western Mass. and Northern Connecticut area on a bus bound for an AFS chapter in the Baltimore, Maryland area for a week's stay of group activities.

Each year, AFS, through its chapter communities, hosts what is called a year-end "Bus Stop." These Bus Stops are designed to give AFS students in the various districts in the USA an opportunity to visit another AFS community outside of their region for a week's stay.

An Emotional Experience

It is the AFS policy that AFS students need another week to prepare for their return to their natural families. It is truly an emotional roller coaster for these students. They have spent a year as American teenagers attending an American high school as members of that school's respective senior class. Departing from their American host families after one year is always a teary-eyed, sometimes traumatic experience, both for the foreign students and their American host families.

For example, the Bus Stop hosted by Agawam AFS received 38 students and a chaperone from AFS chapters in the upper New York State/Buffalo area.

Agawam AFS has sponsored six Bus Stops in the past seven years, including five consecutive years (more than any other AFS chapter in all of New England).

The students and their chaperone arrived at the Agawam High School parking lot at 7:30 p.m. after a nine-hour trip from the Buffalo area. The students were exhausted and many were still lamenting the fact they had left their host families and AFS year behind them earlier that day.

The Agawam AFS Bus Stop was again co-chaired this year by Daniel Lacienski of Feeding Hills and David Carpenter of Agawam. Lacienski had earlier that day said farewell to his 1991-92 AFS student, Kris Tuerlinckx of Belgium, who was bound for Baltimore with the other three Agawam High AFS students.

With luggage virtually littering the AHS parking lot, the temporary host families loaded cars, vans, and trucks to begin the Agawam AFS Bus Stop Week.

The first evening of the Bus Stop was mainly for the AFS students and host families to become acquainted with each other.

Following a three-hour meeting Friday morning at the Polish American Club pavilion, the AFS students and their chaperone, Robert Locke, were bused to Riverside Park via King Ward Coach Lines for a day of fun.



TOWN COUNCILOR NANCY GRAVEL (back row, left) was one of the host families for the recent AFS Bus Stop in Agawam. Foreign students standing next to Mrs. Gravel are Sindre Lillenhaug (Norway), Georgina F. Ixcot-Rodriguez (Guatemala), Hanna E. Straschewski (Germany), and Alberto Torres (Mexico). Front row - Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan, the Agawam High AFS faculty advisor and her son; and Charlie Parker, a local disc jockey who provided the entertainment at a family buffet dinner at the Polish American Club last Wednesday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

With Saturday being the Fourth of July, students spent the day with their individual host families.

On Sunday, July 5th, all AFS students and many host families descended on Perry Lane Park for a day of picnicking and swimming at the pavilion and town pool.

During the evening, many attended fireworks with their host families.

Paid A Visit To Boston

On Monday, the students, along with some host family members, spent the day touring Boston via King Ward Coach Lines. For many of these students, it was their first time visiting Beantown. They received a tour of the Statehouse, and also saw Quincy Market, Freedom Trail, and some of the other sights of the city.

On Tuesday, the students and some host family members traveled to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, for a day of sun and fun at the famous tourist site. Again, King Ward Coach Lines provided the transportation.

On Wednesday, the students and their

chaperone had another morning meeting, this time at the Captain Charles Leonard House. The students then went to the Holyoke Mall for the afternoon and returned at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evening, Agawam AFS sponsored a buffet dinner at the Polish American Club for the students and their host families. The club's Food Service director, Robert Harkins of Agawam, was the head chef. Also, local disc jockey Charlie Parker provided the musical entertainment until 12:30 a.m.

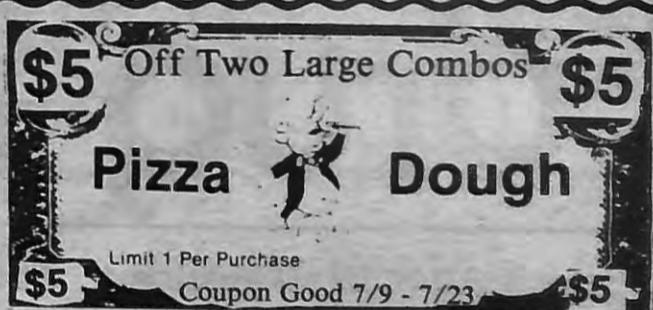
Many families remained until nearly 1:00 a.m. and then it was another emotional goodbye for these students and their new-found AFS families. The bus departed at 3:00 a.m. and was scheduled to arrive in Long Island at 6:30 a.m.

From All Over The World

Students on the Bus Stop hailed from the following countries: Germany, Austria, Spain, Finland, Switzerland, Japan, Soviet Union, Italy, Norway, Belgium, Colombia, Guatemala, Sweden,

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AGAWAM AFS BUS STOP HOST FAMILIES enjoy a buffet dinner at the Polish American Club last Wednesday night. Back row - Paul LaBarre, Al Machia, and Jim Fraser. Front row - Danielle LaBarre, Adrienne LaBarre, Teri Machia, and Barbara Fraser. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE POND FAMILY OF MAIN STREET, Agawam, are pictured with their two AFS exchange students. Back row - Debbie Pond, Andrew Pond, Kathrin Martina Schuetz (Germany), and Bridgett Pond. Front row - Keiko Miyano (Japan), Raymond Pond, and Robert Locke, AFS Bus Stop chaperone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Hour Of Prayer, Song At Nuns Monastery

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, July 20th, at 4:00 p.m.

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The following families from Agawam and Feeding Hills hosted students on the AFS Bus Stop: Pat & Karen Asta-Ferrero, four students; Richard & Marion Brindle, two students and the chaperone; Dave & Billie Ann Carpenter, two; Jean Clifford, two; John & Rosalie Dialessi, three; Tony & Linda Galarneau, two; Dave & Teresa Gallerani, three; Bob & Nancy Gravel, two; Bob & Terry Johnson, two; Dan & Lee Lacienski, four; Al & Teri Machia, two; Dick & Linda Nelson, two; Raymond & Debra Pond, two; Paul & Adrienne LaBarre, two; and Ric & Betsy Sardella, four.

Agawam AFS sincerely extends its thanks to the host families on this Bus Stop.

AFS is the largest international youth-teacher exchange in the world. Agawam AFS now has a few more weeks off before the 1992-93 AFS year begins with the arrival of Brooke Priestly from Australia on August 8th.

Two more students, a girl from Paraguay and a girl from Germany, will be arriving on Saturday, August 15th.

Currently, Agawam AFS is sponsoring Kristen Gallerani, a member of the AHS Class of 1993, as a summer exchange student in Paraguay. She departed June 24th and returns August 18th.

Super Summer Bus Trips Planned By Ag. Congo Church

Two "super" summer bus trips are being offered by the Agawam Congregational Church during the month of August.

On August 1st, the bus will be departing for a fantastic "Boston Harbor Lobster Cruise." This trip includes a riding tour of historical Boston, dinner aboard the "Spirit of Boston," a Broadway review on board the climate controlled ship, and shopping time in the Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall area.

The cost for this fabulous day is \$54 per person. The second day trip on August 23rd includes an exciting day at Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled day cheering the Red Sox and the Seattle Mariners. The cost for this trip is \$17 per person.

Tickets are limited!! Please call 786-1430 to reserve your seats today!

Cavallo Family Greets First Grandchild

Frank and Kathleen Cavallo of Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, happily announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Scott Anthony Urban.

The proud parents are Gregg Scott and Patricia Urban of Springfield.

Scott surprised everyone by arriving three weeks early on June 13th, weighing six pounds, eight ounces, and measuring 19½ inches long.

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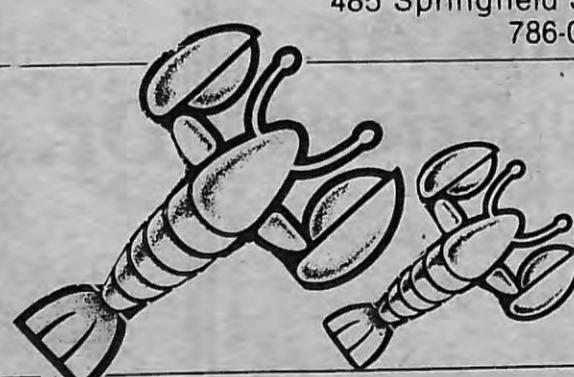
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The budget is done on a projected basis of expenses for the family after moving into their new home, and comes under review after one year.

For more information on the Self-Help Building Program, contact Community Concepts Office in Market Square, South Paris, Maine, at (207) 743-7716.

Agawam Congregational Church's part in this program was due to a letter from the Oxford-Union Association of the United Church of Christ (UCC), who sponsored this work retreat.

Reverend Curt Fuller gave the letter to youth advisor Susan Graham, who then sent copies to the youth groups of the church. Eleven registrations were sent back from 11 youth and four adults.

Among the youth who attended were the following Agawam residents: Nicole Campion, Kirsten DeCoteau, Andrew Bressem, Heather Chikakly, Janell Erskine, Brian Palazzi, Sara Barahmand, Gina Marci, Jason Ellsworth, Carl Perkins, and Sabrina Ferrari.

Various fundraisers were held by the group to finance the trip, and on June 21st all 16 volunteers drove to Maine to stay at a church and sleep on a floor for eight days and seven nights.

Norway Second Congregational Church provided a space for the volunteers to sleep and organized meals and recreational activities such as boating on the lake and miniature golf.

Dinners for the workers were provided by five area UCC churches in Fryburg, Mechanic Falls, Poland, East Summer, and Bridgton.

Each morning, they arose at 5:30 a.m. to eat breakfast and make their lunches. A small meeting with the construction supervisor and they were on the road by 7:00 a.m. to put in an eight-hour workday building a house; at night the sore and tired muscles vanished during free time, but soon returned with each awakening morn.

However, the desire of each youth and adult to diligently work to complete these homes was felt much more than the aching arms and backs.

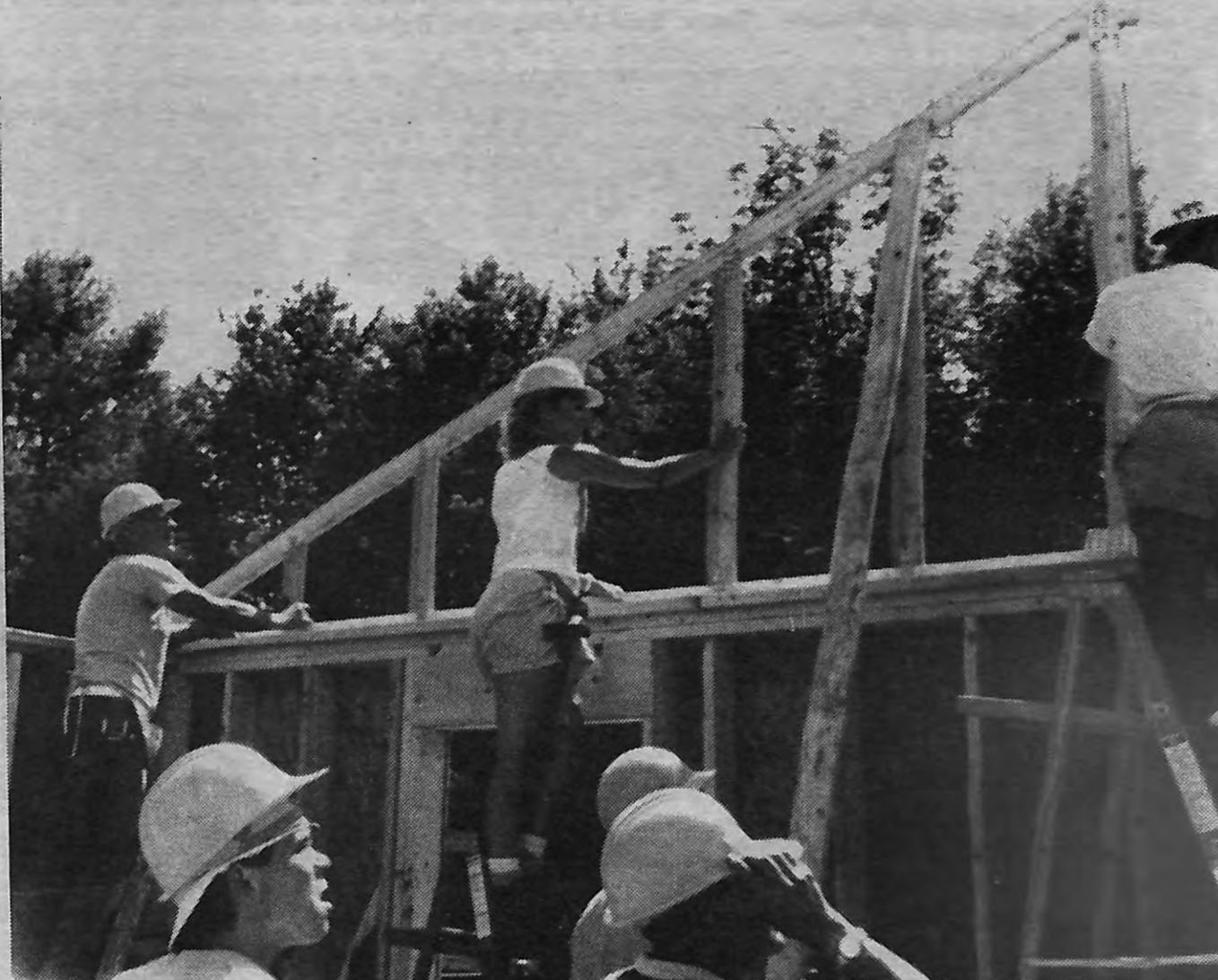
The entire week was a very fulfilling experience physically, emotionally, and spiritually for all of those involved. As one of the youth put it, "It feels like a dream, I can't believe I helped build a whole entire house!"

Another work retreat is planned for August to finish the inside of these six homes. If there is anyone interested in helping, they should contact Reverend Eric Anderson at the Oxford Congregational Church, (207) 539-2978, or Reverend Linda Jones, (207) 627-4198.

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IN TOP PHOTO, volunteers put up a frame for a house in Norway, Maine; **IN PHOTO BELOW**, volunteers Bob Simms, Susan Graham, Cindy Kimball, Jonathan Whitehead, and Fred Lee are hard at work.



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by Tom Crouse, Assistant Pastor
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As the Democratic Convention comes to a close and the Republican Convention is getting ready to start, I thought it was interesting to note how things have not changed very much from the times of the Bible.

Politicians, be it Bill Clinton, George Bush, or others, are for the most part people-pleasers, especially in an election year. Their primary concern is to make as many of the people as happy as possible in order to obtain an office or keep one.

I am sure that they must have things they consider to be absolutes in their belief system, but the problem is you do not hear any of them stating what these absolutes might be.

When they speak, they are an ambiguous as possible in order not to offend anyone—or, more importantly, lose any votes. They are looking for the approval of men instead of God.

In John chapter 10, we see a similar situation. There is a group of religious and political leaders who have been listening to Jesus Christ tell who He is and what He came for.

Jesus has told the people that anyone who would follow Him and serve Him would be honored by the Father. Jesus gives an invitation for people to believe in the light (Jesus) in order to become sons of the light.

Some of the religious and political leaders believed what Jesus was saying. In verse 42 of John 10, we see that many of the leaders believed in Him, but would not tell anyone, because as it says in verse 43: "...for they were interested in the approval of men rather than the approval of God."

What about you? Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ? Is he your personal Saviour? Have you admitted you are a sinner incapable of making it to heaven on your own? Have you accepted the free gift of salvation Jesus Christ bought for you at Calvary with his own blood?

If you have, whose approval are you seeking? Do people know you are a follower of Jesus Christ? Are you seeking only God's approval, or are you like Bill Clinton, George Bush, and many others who are seeking after the approval of men?

Let us be true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Famous Wrestling Tag Team In Town For Pietroniro Fundraiser With WMAS FM

EB's Specialty Chicken & Mitch's Garden Showplace Help Out

On Friday, July 17th, EB's Restaurant will be sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit Michael Pietroniro. Live, for the first time in Agawam, EB's Restaurant presents the WWF "Bushwhackers"!

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You know EB's Restaurant for great food, good prices, and good people—add a good cause, and you've got an event not to be missed!

EB's is donating \$1 for every dinner sold during the week of July 13th-17th. On the night of the "Big Event," EB's will run fantastic dinner specials.

So come on down for some great food, fun, and craziness with the "Bushwhackers"!

Then, on Saturday, July 18th, Mitch's Nursery on Suffield Street in Agawam will hold a Fun Day in honor of Michael from 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this!

Some of the events include pony rides, games, and raffles. Also, exciting Christmas in July—all of Mitch's Xmas stock will be offered at 50% off the retail price.

Beds of annual flowers normally sold for \$10.99 will be sold for \$3.99; a dozen roses for \$9.99; and Propane tank refills for \$9. A percentage of all these sales goes to support Michael.

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages and soda, as well as balloons and raffles galore. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to Michael's trust fund.

On hand to greet you from 3:00 till 5:00 p.m. will be the famous Fred King from the WHYN AM morning show. Mitch's wishes to thank: Kayem Foods of Chelsea, MA, J.J. Nissen Bakery in Agawam, and Aramatic Coffee service of Springfield.

WMAS FM will be broadcasting live from both of these events, so don't miss all the action in Agawam this weekend and help support a worthy cause.

Lobster/Clam Bake By Ag. Senior Center To Be Held In Boston Harbor July 20th

The Agawam Senior Center announces that a lobster clam bake is scheduled for Monday, July 20th. This includes a narrated tour of Boston's famous sights ... all aboard the newest, most spectacular ship in Boston Harbor.

The lunch includes Maine lobster,

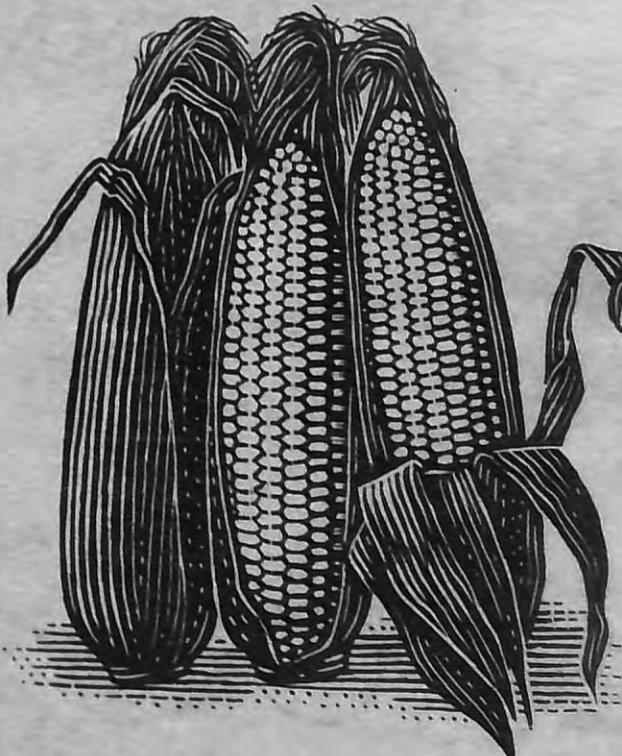
chicken, delicious buffet, all prepared aboard the ship. Entertainment will also be on-board. Price per person is \$35.55 (includes transportation, lunch gratuities, and taxes).

Call 786-0400, extension 242, activities director, for information.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. If we can help, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137. We open on weekdays at 6:30 a.m.

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Doris A. Caroleo Weds Michael Grogan

Doris Ann Caroleo and Michael Grogan were married on Saturday, June 27th, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caroleo of Agawam. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grogan of East Longmeadow.

A reception was held at Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills, followed by a gathering at the home of the bride's parents.

Doreene Borowiec attended her twin sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Diane Caroleo, Deb Conte and Donna Roberts (sisters of the bride), and Mary Lou Lombard and Cathy Smith (sisters of the groom).

Bill Flore, cousin of the groom, served as best man. Ushers were A.J. Lombard and Wayne Smith (brothers-in-law of the groom), Michael Keeley (cousin of the bride), and Dan and Dave Caroleo (brothers of the bride).

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Manchester Community College. She is an occupational therapist at Weldon Rehabilitation, Mercy Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and St. Anselm College. He is a senior account manager for the A.M.I. Leasing Group.

Following a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean and Cape Cod, the couple will reside in Enfield, CT.



GINA M. FALLETTI

Gina M. Falletti To Wed James M. Feyre

Mr. and Mrs. James Feyre of 91 Hayes Avenue, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Maria Falletti, to James Michael Feyre, son of Mary Fayre and the late Raymond Feyre of 323 Linden Street, Holyoke.

A member of the Agawam High School class of 1986, Gina is also a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College. She holds an associate of science degree in business administration/accounting, and is currently employed by the United States Postal Service.

James is a graduate of Holyoke Catholic High School, and he is also an employee of the United States Postal Service.

An October wedding is planned.

First Of Two Special Summer Sundays At Agawam United Methodist Church

The first of two "Special Summer Sundays" will be held at Agawam United Methodist Church this Sunday, July 19th at 9:30 a.m.

Informal worship will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and a church picnic will follow. The congregation has chosen the theme of the service—"Getting away to outdoor places." Hymns and prayers will be on this theme, and Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "God on the edges."

Mark Mickey will sing a solo. Worshippers are invited to wear informal clothing. In case of rain,

the service will be held indoors. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided for the picnic.

The second "Special Summer Sunday" will be held August 23rd on the theme, "Family Gatherings."

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57, across from the high school.

The public is always welcome, and information may be had by calling Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278 or Lay Leader Percy Mickey, 786-7991.



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Golden Agers Enjoy Annual Chicken BBQ



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEMBERS Russell & Charlotte Haynes, Betty Geoffrion, and William & Alice Bishop relax at the recent Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter II at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.



DEVOURING THEIR BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS at Shaker Farms Country Club are Golden Age Club members, from left - Ruth Silk, Albina Anderson, Marion Pond, and Elizabeth Pond.



BEING SERVED THEIR CHICKEN DINNERS are Golden Age Club members Sophie Jasmin and Millie & Joe Losito at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

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Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 20th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas, rye bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, July 21st: Baked chicken breast, pan-roasted potatoes, summer squash, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Wednesday, July 22nd: Spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, ice cream.

Thursday, July 23rd: Zucchini soup, roast beef sandwich, cucumber/tomato salad, canned apricots.

Friday, July 24th: Creamed salmon & peas, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, oatmeal bread, cookie.

Public Swimming At Robinson State Pool

The Agawam State Pool, located at the end of Maynard Street, is announcing its PUBLIC SWIMMING HOURS for this summer, and the availability of SWIM LESSONS for children of all ages and skills.

PUBLIC SWIMMING HOURS: Monday thru Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission is 50¢ for children under 18 and \$1 for adults.

Red Cross certified swim lessons will be taught in two sessions, with the FIRST SESSION starting July 8th through July 24th, weekdays, and the SECOND SESSION starting July 29th through August 14th.

All lessons start at 10:00 a.m. and there is NO CHARGE for lessons, but \$1 for Red Cross certification. Minimum age for lessons is seven years old. Classes will be offered from beginner to advanced swimmer.

Registration is required prior to classes. For any additional information, you may call the pool at 786-6254.

A lifeguard training/progression course will be offered in July. Class size will be limited. For more information, call 786-6254.

Astronomer Slated For Agawam Lib. July 22

Astronomer James R. Yankee will present a Lecture-Workshop program in Astronomy and Space Science at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, July 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

This program, entitled, "Stars and Constellations Featuring Star Maps and the Zodiac," will include a retelling of some of the ancient astronomical myths, in addition to information about stars of the zodiac.

Each participant will also receive a set of worksheets to take home, including star maps for use in identifying the constellations visible at night.

This free program is intended for children ages eight and up, and for adults. To register for this program, or for additional information, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Michael Pietroniro Benefit At Agawam Fish & Game Club

On Sunday, July 19th, a "Christmas In July/Benefit Fun Day" will be held for Michael Pietroniro at the West Springfield Fish & Game Club, Garden Street, Feeding Hills, between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Michael is a six year-old Agawam youth who suffers from a devastating seizure disorder. He needs an operation that may offer him the chance for a happy and healthy life. Please give Michael your support by attending this special fundraising event.

At the "Christmas In July/Benefit Fun Day," there will be raffles, prizes, games, a bake sale, pony rides, balloons, a car wash, and face painting. And, to satisfy your appetite, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, soda, and popcorn will be sold.

Once again, please support this all-important fundraiser and demonstrate that community spirit is alive and well in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Timeless Truth For Today...

Born Again!!!

by Roger Martin, pastor
Agawam Church of the Bible

What comes to your mind when you hear the words, "born again?"

- a) a religious fanatic
- b) Jimmy Carter
- c) someone who is negative and narrow
- d) someone with strong religious beliefs
- e) all of the above
- f) unsure

In my reading and conversation with others, I have encountered several different understandings of the term, "born again," mostly negative.

Are you interested in finding out what it really means? Let's listen to the one who coined the term:

"In reply Jesus declared, 'I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.' 'How can a man be born when he is old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely, he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!' Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and of the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to Spirit.'

(The Bible, John 3:3-6 NIV)

Well, even when Jesus first used the term, it was misunderstood! Two quick observations can be made from the words of Jesus.

First being, "born again" is essential to becoming a part of God's kingdom, or family. Our physical birth makes us a part of the human kingdom, but a spiritual birth is required to make us a part of God's kingdom.

The second observation is this: To be "born again" means to be "born of the Spirit of God." All of us have physical life through our physical birth, but spiritual life requires another "birth" from God's Spirit.

The Bible teaches that sin has separated us from God, so that our relationship with him must be restored. When we admit our sin and trust in Jesus Christ, God's provision for us, we are forgiven and receive God's Spirit within us, God's indication that we are now part of His kingdom family.

When a person displays some special ability in athletics or acting, we may say that a "star is born." We are not saying they were just "delivered," but that an impressive skill has been displayed that puts them into a unique category.

In the same way, the term "born again" refers to the person who has trusted Christ and become a part of God's unique family; one could say "a son is born!" Jesus' use of the term "born again" can change more than your definition; it can change your life!

Feel free to write me at: P.O. Box 130, Agawam, MA 01001 or call 789-2904.

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DAVID ROSE

David Rose Completes Basic Training In CG

FNEM David Rose has recently completed Coast Guard Basic Training in Cape May, New Jersey, and Fireman Electrician School in Yorktown, Virginia.

He is currently assigned to the U.S.C.G.C. Campbell, whose home port is New Bedford, MA. He is a 1991 graduate of St. Mary's, Westfield.

Dave's proud family are John, Kathy, and Tony Rose of Poplar Street, Feeding Hills, and his fiancee is Laurie Lenahan of West Springfield.

Ag. Congregational Lists Weekly Events

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam has announced its weekly listing of activities and summer schedule.

Their summer schedule continues with Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. The Summer Schedule will continue through September 6th.

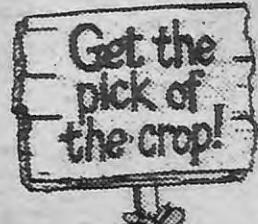
Join them for their Wednesday Night Service at 7:30 p.m. with the R.E.L.A.T.E. (Relax, Examine, Listen, Ask, Tell and Entrust all to God) series following at 8:00 p.m.

Their next New Member Class will be Sunday, July 26th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church may attend.

For more information about the church, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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Spotlight On Business

Hair Challengers In Feeding Hills

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The person who said, *When you look good, you feel good*, knew what he was talking about and the professionals at **Hair Challengers**, 29 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, want to help you do both.

Hair Challengers provides both hair and nail care for the entire family. As owner Bonnie MacKay-Vachula explained, "We plan to run specials that cater to every family member's needs. Every Thursday is men's night. A haircut and blow dry are offered at special low prices."

She also said back-to-school specials are planned to run from mid-August through September while children are readying for their return to academia.

Hair Challengers is a full-service salon featuring many options for their patrons to choose from. Among the many services are hair cuts, coloring, perms, hair tips, streaking, frosting, manicures, pedicures, and make-up tips. Special perms such as spirals, piggybacks, zulu knots, and chopsticks are also available at the salon. Mrs. MacKay-Vachula said she uses Tressa perms that result in "no frizzies."

Mrs. MacKay-Vachula, who resides in Chester, previously was the assistant director of Mansfield Beauty School in Springfield. Prior to that she owned her own beauty shop in Westfield. She said, "I like the Feeding Hills area and decided I'd like to open a salon here. I like to work with people. I want to make sure my customers are comfortable while they are here and are happy when they

leave."

Manicurist Suzanne George, who is a native of Feeding Hills, explained, "We provide manicures and pedicures, services that all people need at a very reasonable price." Mrs. George, also an artist, designs and handpaints a lot of the Nail Art offered at **Hair Challengers**.

In addition to custom nail care, Mrs. George specializes in French manicures, nail tips, fiberglass wraps, silk wraps, and nail extenders. Rhinestone and pearl attachments can also be used to create that special look. Many nail care products are offered for sale at the shop.

Susan Moore, another staff member experienced in both hair and nail care, also provides professional service to valued customers.

Hair Challengers uses Systeme Biolage, which is an all-natural product line of shampoos, conditioners, gels, sprays, mousse, and other styling aids.

According to Mrs. MacKay-Vachula, "The Systeme Biolage company does not do any testing of their products on animals. We are the only one to carry these products in this area."

Hair Challengers is open on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. MacKay-Vachula and her staff invite people to, "Come in and see us. Have a cup of coffee and let's talk."



OWNER AND OPERATOR of **Hair Challengers** is Bonnie MacKay-Vachula. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.



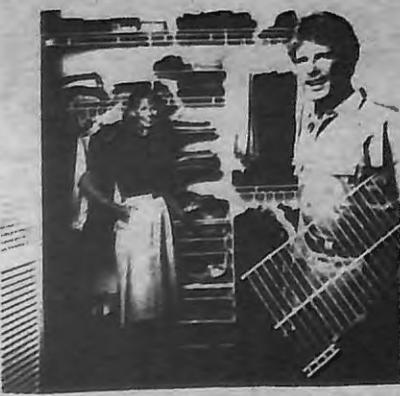
SUSANNE GEORGE of Feeding Hills is one of the manicurists at **Hair Challengers** on Southwick Street. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.



HAIR CHALLENGERS is now open in the Colonial Shops, 29 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Common Sense With Your \$\$\$**

by Raymond Rose

Feeding Hills
786-5241**Common Sense Financial Rules**

Over the last several weeks, we've been talking about making your life simple again (I'm sure you've heard of the KISS formula ... "Keep It Simple ... Sweetheart [or Stupid]").

This week, I thought I'd touch base on how you can use this theory in relationship to your finances.

I know that many of you are put off by the term "financial planning" ... you think that the idea of planning your future is only for those with larger incomes. Let me tell you that you don't have to earn a doctor's or a lawyer's salary to achieve financial security.

Anyone, regardless of his/her job or income, can become financially independent as long as you follow these SIMPLE principles of financial planning.

"JUST DO IT!"

SPEND LESS THAN YOU MAKE ... this sounds so incredibly easy/basic, but unfortunately most people can't manage to live within their means. Obviously, you cannot become financially independent if your spending regularly exceeds your income (unless you marry or inherit wealth).

SET UP AND FOLLOW A SAVINGS PLAN/BUDGET ... it sounds so easy and it makes so much sense ... yet very few people do it. You should allot so much of your income for each expense, including investments and savings. The problem is that budgets are sometimes sabotaged by human nature.

You tell yourself that you're budgeting for your needs ... but what happens is that you wind up budgeting for your wants. There's a big difference ... and as soon as you can determine the two, the better off you'll be.

PAY OFF YOUR CREDIT CARD BALANCES ... the interest on these balances, like the interest on personal, installment, and car loans, is no longer tax-deductible ... and at annual interest rates of 18% or more, eliminating these non-deductible debts is one of the best financial decisions you'll ever make.

You wouldn't think of paying these type of interest rates on mortgages and cars ... why would you pay them on other things? (The answer is because you've been programmed by the banks to think it's OK ... it's normal ... and everyone else does it.)

"JUST DO IT!"

BUYING A HOUSE IS STILL A GOOD LONG-TERM INVESTMENT ... I believe that even though the double-digit growth in real estate values that we saw in the 1980's will probably not be repeated ... it's still an important element in fashioning a sound approach to investing, and has to be done in conjunction with other financial planning.

Too many people have felt that the only investing they have to do is buy a home...not true.

PAY YOURSELF FIRST ... sounds so simple ... and it is. I still hear people say that they've got "money burning a hole in their pocket." You must become disciplined.

If you were to establish a routine of automatically diverting some of your paycheck into savings each month, you would become ac-

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USE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OR PREAUTHORIZED CHECKING FOR EASY SAVINGS ... The most effective method is to have the money you plan to invest come straight out of your paycheck or bank account. The 401(k) plans that many companies now offer are the ultimate in the payroll deduction approach to saving.

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"JUST DO IT!"

BE AN OWNER (NOT A LOANER) OVER THE LONG TERM ... If you still have several decades to go before retirement, you should strongly consider contributing the bulk of your savings to stocks ... and not bonds or bank certificates of deposit.

The reason is that over the long term, equities (stocks) have had a much higher rate of return than fixed-income securities (bonds), and analysts say that they expect that pattern to continue in the future.

Even though our country has numerous problems, I believe that we will address them, and that the next 20-30 years will present some of the greatest investment opportunities ever ... and the only way to share in these successes is through ownership.

I urge you to consider investing in carefully selected mutual funds, where you buy into a diversified portfolio of stocks and gain access to a professional money manager who has those qualities you need to succeed in the market.

DON'T TRY TO "TIME THE MARKET" ... Market timing requires using key indicators, to predict major shifts in the stock and bond markets ... and to shift your money from one investment to another. In theory this sounds great, but in practice it seldom works ... remember, you're investing for the long term.

ONE OF YOU'RE BIGGEST ENEMIES (IF NOT THE BIGGEST) IS PROCRASTINATION ... How many of you are going to read this article ... say that what you've read makes sense ... AND DO NOTHING!

Let me make this very clear ... the earlier you start investing, and reaping the benefits of com-

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pounding (the earning of interest on interest), the better off you'll be ... and it's never too late to start.

Don't get sidetracked by agonizing over what investment to buy ... Fund A or Fund B. Spend a reasonable amount of time researching the long-term track records of funds you are interested in ... then make sure that the portfolio managers responsible for their performance are still at the helm ... and that the expenses of the funds are in line with those of similar funds.

Once you've completed that, go ahead and buy the investment and keep an eye on it.

"JUST DO IT!"

After reviewing these simple steps, I'm sure you agree that there's nothing difficult about what you've just read. Set your goal to take action NOW! I'm telling you, the day will come when you'll kick yourself because you waited too long to start.

The 1990's are different from when our parents grew up ... and then retired. The future is now ... start TODAY! Don't let me say, "I told you so."

BITS & PIECES

LOOKING FOR NEW BUSINESS AND CONTACTS? ... Several weeks ago, Betty Grimaldi, owner of Grimaldi & Burzdak Realtors, invited me to a breakfast at the Ramada Inn, West Springfield, in which the purpose of the affair was to meet other business people, explain to each other the business that you're in ... and generate leads/new sales for each other.

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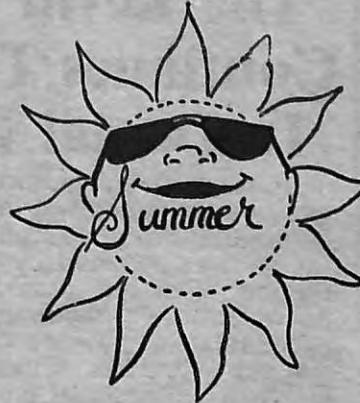
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In fact, a recent survey by the International Association of Financial Planning found that figuring out how to pay for a child's college education was the number two financial concern facing parents—topped only by meeting mortgage payments.

It's no wonder. Average tuition at private colleges runs between \$8,000 and \$14,000 annually. Tuition bills have climbed steadily during the last two decades, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Back then, the magazine reports, a year at Harvard University was a bargain at \$2,600. By 1986, that figure had risen to \$11,390, a 338-percent increase. While tuition at public universities is certainly less expensive, costs at state colleges have increased just as much.

What's worse is that there's no sign that the increases are going to slow down. Costs are continuing to increase five to eight percent annually, according to a College Board survey published in *USA Today*.

At that rate, a four-year education that now runs \$32,000 (which includes tuition, room and board) would rise to cost \$100,000 by the year 2000.

Given all that, is it feasible to send your kid to college and not go broke? It is, with proper planning.

You should start by figuring what it will cost for a college education by the time your child or children are ready to go.

Look at a typical school's current tuition, and room and board, and figure in inflation and expected tuition increases. Your financial planner can help you come up with a realistic estimate, as well as recent trends in tuition hikes.

That's the easy part, of course. What's tough is saving the money. The sooner you start, the more likely you'll have enough. How much you set aside should be predicated on your cost estimate and when your child will be ready to start college.

Your planner also can help you figure how your savings will grow, from interest or capital gains. The expected amount will depend on a number of factors, including the specific investment you select, as well as changes in the economy.

Your investments could change as the years go by. If you have a lot of time left before your child will be attending college, more aggressive investments may be the ticket.

If you don't have a lot of time, more conservative investments may be the way to go. Again your financial planner can help you decide the proper strategies.

In our next column, we'll look at some of those strategies.

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Dr. Kevin Coughlin Continues To Advance In Dental Education

Dr. Kevin Coughlin, formerly of Feeding Hills, has been awarded two certificates for advanced continuing dental education.

One was awarded by the Tufts University in Boston and the other by the International Association of Orthodontics (IAO). Dr. Coughlin's successful completion of programs for TMJ disorders and for orthodontics enhances the range of professional procedures offered by the practice of Auerbach, Coughlin, Sullivan and Evans at 1795 Main Street.

On June 7th, Dr. Coughlin completed the two-year program in dento-facial orthopedics and orthodontics and was awarded a certificate by the IAO. The course of study included comprehensive procedures for the evaluation and installation of braces on both children and adults.

Dr. Coughlin is a 1976 graduate of Agawam High School and is the son of Ralph and Joyce Coughlin of Feeding Hills.

Landry, Lyons, Whyte Adds New Agent

Laurence D. Landry, President of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company/Better Homes and Gardens announces that Nora Desrosiers has joined our West Springfield office as a Sales Associate.

Nora earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Western New England College in Springfield and has an extensive business background.

She has worked in Human Resources, Human Services and Sales for eight years. Nora has been a resident of the West Springfield area most of her life.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Carol DiMauro Of Feeding Hills Selected For "Who's Who"**

Mrs. Carol A. DiMauro has been selected for inclusion in the 1992-1993 edition of Oxford's Who's Who, The Elite Registry of Extraordinary Professionals, announced today by Oxford's Managing Editor, Scott H. Adams.

"The selection of Mrs. DiMauro is based not only on an illustrious career as Food Service Director of Western Massachusetts Hospital, but also on a long record of achievements and awards for community services," said Mr. Adams.

A list of some of the highlights of Mrs. DiMauro's many accomplishments includes: Member, Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education; Member, Eta Sigma Delta International Hospitality Management Honor Society; Member, Massachusetts State Dietitians Association; Member, North American Family Campers Association.

Some of Mrs. DiMauro's earlier career achievements include but are not limited to: Providence Hospital, Holyoke, MA.

Also worth mention are some current facts related to Western Massachusetts Hospital: Western Massachusetts Hospital is a 95-bed long-term care hospital serving the commonwealth of Massachusetts. The hospital is the only public health facility in the area. They have several specialized health care units. In her capacity as Food Service Director, Mrs. DiMauro oversees a staff of 22 employees that provide all food services to the hospital.

Selection for inclusion in Oxford's Who's Who is an accomplishment in itself. This publication garners prestigious participants such as Chrysler's Chairman, Lee Iacocca; the C.E.O. of IBM, John Akers; the C.E.O. of the Walt Disney Company, Michael Eisner; Chairman of Xerox, David Kearns; Ford Motor Corporation's Chairman, Harold Poling and Microsoft's founder, William Gates.

Inclusion in Oxford's Who's Who is based upon the fundamental principle of reference value. Oxford's also strives to recognize its participants for significant achievements both in the business and private sectors.

Mrs. DiMauro resides at 16 South West Street, Feeding Hills with her husband, Michael, daughter Ann Marie, who is a student at the Agawam Middle School, and her son Michael, who is a student at Children's Language Institute in Ludlow.

Mrs. DiMauro is a graduate of Agawam High School as well as the University of Massachusetts.

Dolly Werenski Promoted To Assistant Vice Pres. At Baybank

The Board of Directors of BayBank promoted Dolly Werenski to Assistant Vice President it was announced by Richard A. Stebbins, Regional President.

Ms. Werenski is responsible for sales management, operations, and staffing at the Agawam Office. She is a graduate of South Hadley High School and the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Ms. Werenski is involved in community outreach through the Bank's "How To Do Your Banking" program and is a member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. She resides in Chicopee.

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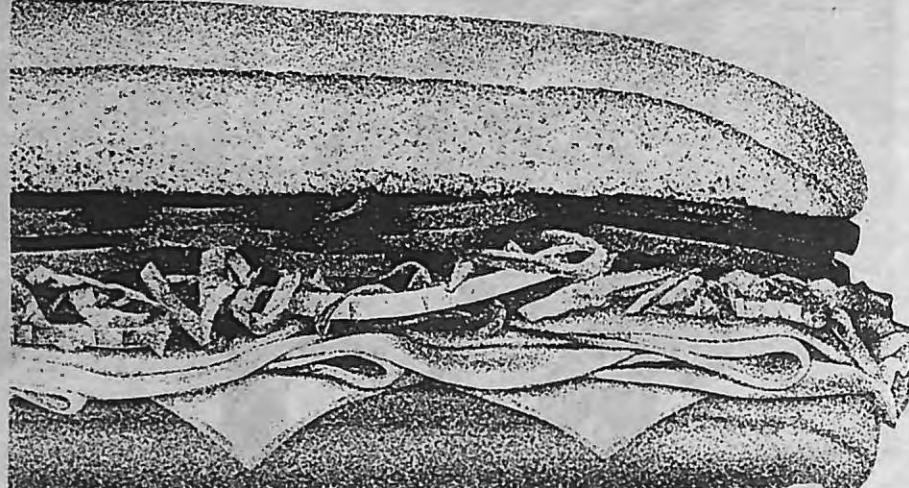
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Dr. Dominguez Joins F.H. Medical Center



FEEDING HILLS MEDICAL CENTER, located in the Galleria Shoppes on the corner of North Westfield Street and North Street, welcomes Agawam resident, Dr. Heidi L. Dominguez, to its staff. Dr. Dominguez is joining Dr. Kevin J. Quinlan, also of Agawam (left). IN PHOTO RIGHT, Dr. Dominguez chats with Maureen Wood, an on-staff registered nurse, at an open house last Wednesday. Feeding Hills Medical Center is a subsidiary of Noble Hospital of Westfield. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Westfield: Cornelius D. Mahoney, President/CEO, Woronoco Savings Bank, announced that the Bank has recently become a member of the American Bankers Association.

Mahoney said, "We determined that the ABA would be a valuable resource and that among the advantages of membership are representation on public policy issues that affect banking, a vast store of educational resources through the American Institute of Banking and the use of the ABA library."

For 115 years, the Association has operated as both a trade and a professional organization to actively promote banking. It continues that tradition through its strong, effective lobbying presence with Congress and the Federal regulatory agencies, and by providing needed support services to its members.

"Membership in ABA is a beneficial and cost effective way for a community savings institution like Woronoco Savings Bank to have a voice in the industry," commented Mahoney. "ABA realizes that running a profitable bank in the face of growing competition, changing laws, rising operational costs, and stricter regulatory supervision is a challenge for today's banker, which requires informed decisions."

Woronoco Savings Employees Honored For Years Of Service

At the recent Woronoco Savings Bank Corporators Steak Roast at Strathmore Park, 12 Woronoco Savings employees were honored for their years of service to the Bank.

Woronoco President/CEO, Cornelius D. Mahoney said, "One of the key factors in a community bank's success is its staff. Our customers appreciate coming to the bank, seeing familiar faces, and knowing they will be served by a knowledgeable staff."

Margaret Cherbonneau, Assistant Treasurer/Lending tops the list with 25 years of service, followed by Mary Mulvenna, Electronic Data Processing Department with 20 years, Louise Pierce, E.D.P. Supervisor and JoAnne Wood, NEACH Clark, 10 years.

Laurie Dalton, Senior Teller, GristMILL Plaza Office; Susan Gallo, Senior Teller and Gordon Ripley, Custodian, Ames/Big Y Plaza Office; Kim O'Connor, Assistant Branch Manager and Dawn Young, Teller, Little River Office; Judith Maunsell, Assistant Teller Supervisor; Carrie Florek, Customer Service Representative; Mike Sullivan, Computer Coordinator from the Main Office staff, were each recognized for five years of service.

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Lee Rogers Of F.H. Receives CMA From After Passing Exam

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Accountants who earn the CMA have displayed proficiency in many facets of accounting and financial management. This is demonstrated by completion of a nationwide comprehensive examination on accounting and related subjects, meeting a two-year management accounting experience requirement and agreeing to comply with the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Management Accountants. These abilities make the CMA a valuable member of the accounting profession.

The Institute of Certified Management Accountants, which administers the CMA Examination, was established in 1972 by the Institute of Management Accountants, IMA, formerly the National Association of Accountants. With 94,000 members, IMA is the world's largest organization for Management Accountants and Financial Managers.

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Cotton Candy For Michael Pietroniro



OLDE SYKES MILL employees Christine Turcotte and Karen Sullivan spin cotton candy during a fundraiser to support the Michael Pietroniro Fund on Thursday, July 6th, at the popular Main Street restaurant. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 1. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

This year, the Annual Agawam/West Springfield Chambers of Commerce Outing will be held on Tuesday, August 18th.

Open to members and non-members and featuring door prizes, golf prizes, and a raffle, the day-long event begins with a golf tournament at Oak Ridge Country Club that's scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Then, starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Club on Morgan Road in West Springfield, there will be a variety of competitive events for everyone to participate in, including volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, an egg toss, bean bag & football throw, and a chipping contest.

Also, hors d'oeuvres will be available between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., and free beer, wine, and soda

will be served between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. And, at 6:30 p.m., the outing will be capped off with a steak dinner.

Sponsorships are now available for the Oak Ridge tournament for \$50 per tee or green (there's a \$5 discount for any sponsorship paid by July 31st). Companies or individuals may sponsor, and proceeds benefit each Chamber's Scholarship Program.

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DR. KATHERINE M. SCHLAFFER of Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dr. Schlaffer Receives Service Award

Dr. Katherine M. Schlaffer, co-owner of SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam was recently honored for her service and continued support to the chiropractic profession.

An award was presented to her by the Pioneer Valley Chiropractic Society at their annual legislative breakfast.

Dr. Schlaffer has been master of ceremonies at this breakfast for the past four years. The breakfast was well attended including local state senators and representatives.

Dr. Schlaffer is past president of the Pioneer Valley Chiropractic Society. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Mass. Chiropractic Society.

She has served on the Board of Directors of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. She has enjoyed the practice of chiropractic in Agawam with her husband, Dr. Joseph Schlaffer, since 1979.

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Dr. John Santoro, chief of Emergency Services at Baystate Medical Center, says common sense will do the trick. "When temperatures are in the high 90's and humidity is higher than normal, be more cautious."

The very young and the very old are the most vulnerable to heat, Santoro says. "These two groupings of people aren't prepared to handle the heat because their mechanisms are not functioning to full capacity."

"Infants depend on their parents for care and can't verbalize their needs, and the elderly are also dependent on someone's care. The elderly might be on medications which interfere with their heat regulator in the brain. Also, the stress of heat can intensify other chronic problems," continues Santoro.

Athletes and outdoor laborers are at high risk from heat. Santoro advises, "If you exercise outdoors, pick the time of day accordingly. Try not to do your full workout between the danger hours, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and make sure to drink plenty of fluids."

"If you are working outside," he adds, "wear cooler clothing, drink lots of water, and try to limit your exposure. Find shade."

Heat-related illnesses are heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke:

—A heat cramp is an acute painful spasm of voluntary muscles which follows hard work in a hot environment without the intake of fluids and salt.

—Heat exhaustion is an acute reaction to heat exposure. The skin feels cold and clammy.

—Heat stroke is an acute and dangerous reaction to heat exposure. The body temperature increases way above normal, and sweating and dizziness are added symptoms. "Heat stroke can be deadly; get to a hospital as quick as possible," says Santoro.

For all of these, consult your doctor and be smart—heed your body when the warning signs come.

Dr. Santoro gives these helpful tips:

- Find shade for a respite from heat from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Read your medication labels and check to see if it's dangerous to be in "hot" situations.
- Drink lots of non-alcoholic fluids.
- Don't plan prolonged activities in the sun.
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Massachusetts residents can keep more than memories of family or friends alive when they participate in the American Heart Association's memorial gift program.

"Think of bypass surgery, pacemakers, CPR courses, and blood pressure medication, and you're talking about advances made possible in part by memorial contributions to the American Heart Association," says Anthony Cerce, Jr., Chairman of the Massachusetts Affiliate's Development Committee.

The American Heart Association sends a memorial program sympathy card to the bereaved on behalf of each contributor. The amount of the

contribution is not disclosed to the card recipient.

"The contribution can be from an individual or from many, such as a family or group of employees," Cerce explains.

For more information on the memorial program, call the American Heart Association, Massachusetts Affiliate, at (508) 620-1700.

The American Heart Association is dedicated to reducing disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke, which take the lives of almost one-million Americans each year.

Last year, more than \$193 million was spent for research support, public and professional education, and community programs.

Cancer Support At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, July 23rd from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium.

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Arts



ALEC BALDWIN (left), Meg Ryan, and Sydney Walker in *Prelude To a Kiss*, which is an okay film but not what's it's billed to be - the summer of 1992's *Ghost*.



This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Prelude To a Kiss

Disappointment just about sums up my reaction to *Prelude To a Kiss*, a film being touted as the *Ghost* of the summer of '92. Would that it vanished into wisps of thin air.

Actually, it's not a bad film, even if it does leave the viewer hungry for a sounder resolution.

A bespectacled Alec Baldwin plays Peter, a quiet, obviously good-looking, slightly left-of-center single who meets eccentric, party-crashing Rita (Meg Ryan), whose pessimistic view of life, living, and the world in general seem at odds with her actions: jumping to snatch at leafy branches, uninhibited sexuality, her savvy bartending...

They meet, they evolve a relationship, and they marry. And the trouble begins.

Enter Julius (Sydney Walker) as the old widower who wanders away from home, onto a train, and into the wedding reception, asking only for a kiss even as he's being asked to leave.

Rita, seeing a lonely old man, obliges. He, looking back at and wishing for another chance at life, gets what he's looking for—as life, breath, and soul are interchanged.

Needless to say, the Jamaican honeymoon is less than successful, and the return home degenerates to separation as Peter realizes the body of his beloved Rita no longer houses her soul.

Rounding out the cast are Patty Duke and a delightfully tattooed Ned Beatty as Rita's wealthy parents, and Kathy Bates as the old man's weary daughter.

Originally written for the stage, *Prelude To a Kiss* transfers less well to the screen, at least at the hands of director Norman Rene and screenwriter Craig Lucas.

Yes, the Baldwin/Ryan team are a good-looking couple, but not good enough to make up for a moderate lack of chemistry. He emotes to the point of tears; she tries. She radiates eccentricity at time; he's not quite nerdy enough.

They are intended to be an odd couple of sorts,

but they are not odd—or even—enough to be believable or totally entertaining.

Too, the premise ... the exchange of souls, the declarations of love ... lack substance. Explanations are mired in undeveloped dialogue, in stoic stances, as if the director knew not how to move his players. The players, alas, failed to breach that gap.

Prelude To a Kiss is not a bad film; it has its brighter, bubbling moments, its teariness occasionally lapses into sentimentality—and that's okay. I love a good cry. Just give me a film worth crying over.

The overwhelming feeling here was, so what?

Universal Soldier

Jean-Claude Van Damme pits French accent against Dolph Lundgren's clearer dialect, and then puts muscle against muscle in *Universal Soldier*, the newest summer bloodbath to splatter across the screen.

For devotees of the genre, it's action-plus, especially the opening sequences with these regenerated, invincible soldiers rappelling down the face of the Hoover Dam to defuse a hostage situation. Defuse, in this case, may be interpreted to mean slaughter everything that wears a mask, holds a gun, and moves.

The film opens in Vietnam, with a Sergeant Scott (Lundgren) in the midst of a massacred village, lacing the ears of slaughtered civilians to wear around his neck. Enter Luc (Van Damme) to protest, defend, and set off the gunfire that kills them both.

Jump 25 years into the future, and our hero (and anti-hero) burst out of a futuristic, mobile, and computerized scanner and freezer unit, with muscles accented by muscle-shaped padding on their uniforms, and eyes and consciousness locked into a scanner monitored by the powers that be: in this case, a U.S. military crew which is not listed in any public government budget or record.

Naturally, something goes wrong, and these regenerated Vietnam soldiers (until now missing

THE SUMMER'S LATEST MUSCLE MOVIE, *Universal Soldier*, stars Hollywood he-men Jean-Claude Van Damme and Dolph Lundgren with all types of gadgets and gismos that blow up everything in sight.

in action) begin remembering, and the memories are good.

Van Damme is locked into thoughts that reflect the horror of war and his desire to return home. Lundgren is caught up in the atrocities he committed and wants to perpetuate. To him, it's all still Vietnam.

Add to this mishmash the arrogant, nervy blonde TV reporter Veronica (Ally Walker) who always gets her story ... even after she's fired.

The chase begins, and so does the carnage. *Universal Soldier* is not family viewing.

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Annual Kids' Camp At Storrorwton Village

Who said history isn't fun? Send your children on a fantastic journey to the past by enrolling them in Storrorwton Village Museum's Early American Summer Day Camp. Storrorwton Village Museum is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass.

Two camp sessions, open to children ages seven to 12, will take place as follows: August 3rd-7th and 10th-14th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of each session is \$95 per child.

Within the setting of an authentically reconstructed historic village, children will try on a 19th century lifestyle and participate in challenging hands-on activities throughout the week.

A special feature of this year's Early American Summer Day Camp is the introduction of daily themes. Each day of the week will follow a certain theme and include related activities.

Monday: Olde and New Day - Children will begin recreating the roles of their Early American predecessors by donning Early American garb, meeting new friends and learning about Village life.

Tuesday: Hands-On Day - Spend the day learning Early American crafts including candlemaking, tinsmithing, pottery making, Indian basket weaving and more. Children will also visit the homes and workshops of Storrorwton's villagers and become a true student of the 19th century by writing on slates in the one room Little Red Schoolhouse.

Wednesday: Dairy Day - Visit the Gilbert Farmstead and learn about dairy products firsthand by milking a cow and churning butter. Taste the fruit of your labors by spreading the butter on your homemade herb muffins. Identify and harvest the needed herbs from Aunt Helen's Herb Garden and cook the tasty treat over an open hearth.

Thursday: Wood Day - Watch a sheep shearing and then learn to card, spin, weave and dye the wool.

Friday: Show-Off Day - Show-off the knowledge you've gained by taking your parents on a tour of the Village and demonstrating learned crafts. Children will also perform for their parents on the camp stage located in the Wine Garden.

On a daily basis, children will begin their day with "Smart Start" sessions, exercising their minds with historic trivia questions. Other programs and hands-on presentations children will enjoy include blacksmithing, farming, apprenticing in a law office, storytelling, learning about the architecture of the buildings, playing hoop and sack games on the Green and more.

Space is limited for Storrorwton's Early American Summer Day Camp so make your reservations early. For more information on this unique, historic camp, please contact Dennis Picard, Storrorwton Village Museum program coordinator, weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at (413) 787-0136.



Snacks For Active Lifestyles

Our active lifestyles have made the need for fast food a necessity. Microwave snacks such as Glazed Frank Kabobs, a do-it-yourself fast food, will fit into the busiest schedule.

These simple kabobs combine cocktail-size franks, pineapple, green pepper, and pearl onions with a two-ingredient, sweet and sour glaze. They are delicious when served with a tray of crackers and cheese.

Whirlpool Corporation home economists recommend this snack when it's your turn to provide the refreshments for friends after an active outing.

GLAZED FRANK KABOBS

(8 servings)

1/4 cup apricot preserves
1/4 cup Russian dressing
16 cocktail-size frankfurters
16 pineapple chunks
1 small green pepper, cut into 16 pieces
8 pearl onions
8 6-inch bamboo skewers

1. Stir together preserves and dressing. Set aside.

2. Cut each frankfurter in half. Assemble kabobs by threading ingredients alternately onto skewers, using 4 frankfurter halves, 2 pineapple chunks, 2 green pepper pieces, and 1 onion for each. Place side-by-side in glass baking dish. Brush with about half of the apricot mixture.

3. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 1 1/2 minutes. Rotate dish. Microwave at HIGH for 1 minute. Brush with remaining apricot mixture. Microwave at HIGH for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes longer or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Serve warm.

* Nutrient Information (per serving): Calories, 113; Protein, 2 g; Fat, 6 g; Cholesterol, 11 mg; Carbohydrates, 14 g; Sodium, 257 mg.

Short-Cut Cooking... The Microwave Way!!!

As the fascination with microwave cooking swept across the nation, an entirely new category of recipes was created. Through an understanding of what microwaves can do, we have also discovered how existing recipe favorites may be more simply or quickly prepared.

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According to Whirlpool Corporation home economists, melting chocolate or caramels is fast and easily controlled in the microwave oven. Dip-Dip Cookie Delights take advantage of this convenient procedure, making possible a fresh batch of dressed-up cookies for impromptu entertaining or a surprise after-school treat.

DIP-DIP COOKIE DELIGHTS Double Chocolate Dipped Cookies (about 2 1/2 dozen)

Vanilla wafers

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1/2 cup vanilla milk chips

Line cookie sheets with waxed paper. Place semi-sweet chocolate morsels and margarine in large custard cup or small microwaveable bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 45 to 60 seconds. Stir until smooth. Dip vanilla wafers in melted chocolate, coating slightly more than half of each cookie. Place on waxed paper. Chill until coating is hardened.

In large custard cup, microwave vanilla chips at HIGH (100%) for 45 to 60 seconds or until melted. Stir until smooth. Dip chilled wafers in melted vanilla chips, not quite covering chocolate coating. Place on waxed paper. Chill until coating is hardened. Store in cool place.

Creamy Caramel Dipped Cookies (about 3 dozen)

Vanilla wafers

24 caramels
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1 tablespoon water
Chopped peanuts (optional)

Line cookie sheets with waxed paper. Lightly butter waxed paper. Unwrap caramels and place in 2-cup glass measuring cup with margarine and water. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 2 minutes or until melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Dip vanilla wafers in caramel, coating about half the cookie. Allow excess to drip off. If desired, dip edges of caramel-coated cookies in chopped peanuts. Place on buttered waxed paper. Chill. Store in refrigerator.

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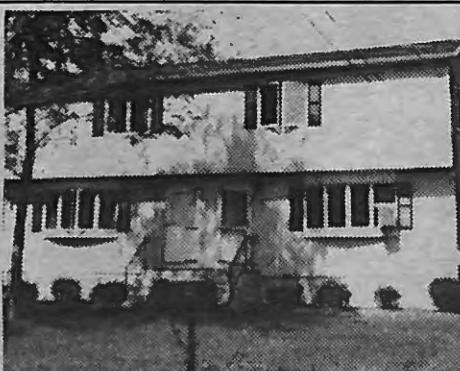
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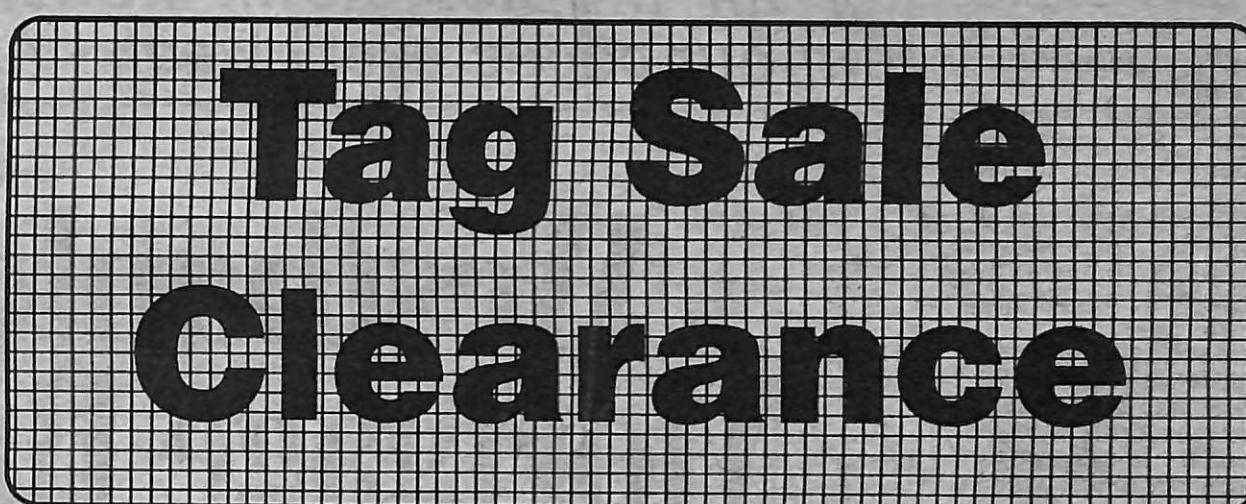
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Sick plants. Sour soil. Shallow roots. Weeds. Does this song sound familiar to you? If so, you may be among millions of Americans still singing the "Black Plastic Blues."

Using black plastic in the garden and around shrubs and trees was once thought of as a wise practice. Not anymore. Today's gardeners have discovered that the evils of black plastic often outweigh its virtues.

Non-porous plastic prevents the flow of air and water to plant roots, thereby causing soil to sour, poor root development, and assorted plant diseases. In addition, plastic causes water runoff and, as sunlight causes it to deteriorate, plastic tears, allowing unsightly weeds to grow in the garden.

If you're ready to sing a new tune, try humming with landscape fabrics. Fabrics, also known as geotextiles, deter light and weeds, while allowing the free flow of air and water to the soil, and keep your plants healthy by preventing nutrient deficiencies and many other problems associated with plastic.

Landscape Fabrics: Easy On Gardeners And The Environment

Landscape fabrics are designed to help both gardeners and Mother Nature. For gardeners, landscape fabrics are inexpensive, easy to use, and durable.

For Mother Nature, they encourage the free exchange of air and water in the soil, hold in moisture, and act as barriers to prevent the growth of weeds present in the soil, reducing the need for herbicides.

Though similar in appearance, all landscape fabrics are not alike. They differ in permeability, ability to stretch, and durability, and are produced either by weaving fibers together at right angles (woven) or by bonding short or continuously spun fibers together through heat bonding, needle-punching, spin bonding, or other processes (non-woven).

Easy Gardener of Waco, Texas, for example, manufactures WeedBlock, an extremely durable synthetic fabric that allows air and water to flow freely while blocking harmful sunlight and weeds without disturbing the environment.

It is WeedBlock's "micropore" technology—thousands of tiny, tapered funnels—that enables it to be so efficient.

Planting Trees And Shrubs

Many professional landscapers use WeedBlock around trees and shrubs. Fabrics are easy to install and help create attractive and effective wells that drain easily, allowing the roots to get as much water as possible.

And, unlike plastic, fabrics prevent water runoff and block out weeds for years.

When using landscape fabrics around trees and larger shrubs, first prepare the soil to a depth of six to eight inches in a circular area with a radius of two to five feet from the base of the shrub or tree.

Once the tree or shrub has been planted, place strips of landscape fabric over the prepared soil. Gently place bricks around the edge of the circular bed, then trim the excess fabric with scissors.

The final step is to cover the fabric between the bricks and the base of the tree or shrub with a two-to three-inch layer of wood chips or other mulching material such as stone.

Using Fabrics In The Garden

Landscape fabrics also greatly benefit flower and vegetable gardens. Fabrics deter weeds without the use of herbicides, promote healthy root growth by retaining soil moisture, and they're easy to cut and install. Once in place, secure the fabric with pegs or bark chips.

Before planting flowers or vegetables, prepare the garden bed by loosening the topsoil and adding any necessary soil amendments. Then, cover the bed with strips of landscape fabric.

With scissors or a knife, cut small holes or x's in the fabric and place the plants directly through, into the soil.

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Lounge under the stars and drink in the magic and ambiance of "Summer Sounds at Storroroton," Storroroton Village Museum's free summer concert series. Storroroton Village Museum is located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass.

This year's concert series will feature Pat Rondi's Circus Band on July 21st and the Paradise City Jazz Band on August 4th. The Springfield area Musician's Union will co-sponsor the July 21st concert.

All shows will take place next to the Gazebo on the Village's picturesque Green from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Bring a blanket, some friends and a delectable picnic and feast upon great music that will entertain a variety of musical tastes.

With stirring harmonies, riveting instrumentals and a sprinkling of humor, the Wood's Tea Company will provide the perfect ingredients for an evening the whole family will enjoy on July 7th. Comprised of Vermonters Rusty Jacobs, Mike

Lussen and Bruce Morgan, this engaging trio will delve into a diverse repertoire of original, traditional and contemporary American and Irish folk music and sea chanteys.

The Wood's Tea Company will perform songs ranging from mellow to rousing, interspersed with humor and accented by their deft instrumental talents as they play over a dozen instruments including guitar, banjo, harmonica, concertina, bodhran, mandolin, dulcimer, penny whistle, banjo, bouzouki and more. This talented folk trio, with four albums under their belt, has toured extensively through 17 states, performing at clubs, pubs, colleges and other indoor and outdoor venues.

Storroroton Tavern, noted for its fine New England fare, will be open for dining indoors or outdoors in a quaint cafe area. For more information on "Summer Sounds at Storroroton," please call Storroroton Village Museum weekdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at (413) 787-0136.

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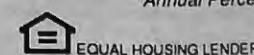
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LANDSCAPING - from Page 30...**Other Landscape Fabric Uses**

Commercial landscapers who have been successfully using fabrics such as WeedBlock are continually finding new places to use them, including when laying or repairing walkways and patios, as well as under decks.

Fabrics that are put to use now will save time and money for years to come because their extended lifespan eliminates the need for repeated purchases of herbicides, mulch, and the fabric itself.

And, because fabrics help the soil retain moisture by blocking sunlight and slowing down the evaporation process, covered areas require up to 50 percent less watering, an important fact in regions of the country affected by drought.

If you've sung the "Black Plastic Blues" for too long, it's time to change your tune—and try landscape fabrics. They are readily available at local garden centers, hardware stores, and chain retailers.

Agawam Poet... Agnes Neylon Smith

His Majesty, The Cardinal

*The Cardinal perched proudly on the little white pool,
He decided to bathe, for the water was cool;
He splashed and spattered, and scattered like rain,
Causing little of the water in the pool, to remain;*

*The radiance and brilliance of his wings in the sun,
Was a wonder to behold, when his bathing was done;
The fluttering and flickering went on just so long,
Then he embraced the sky, with illustrious song;*

*I rarely have seen such a glorious sight,
I'll treasure it forever, in my heart, locked up tight;
The cardinal's elegance, embellishes the sky,
It's an astonishing privilege, just to see him fly;*

*He sometimes comes to visit, just about eve,
He seems to wait until all the other birds leave;
He brings his mate to the feeder above the back lawn,
And they share their repast, and fly away in song;*

WRITER'S NOTE:
*I'm glad I take the time to see Nature at its best,
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MARY ANN GOVONI of Feeding Hills is pictured with Diane Bish, called "The First Lady of the Organ." Ms. Bish is internationally known for her performances on the organ.

Mary Ann Govoni Of Feeding Hills Meets "The First Lady Of Organ" In Springfield

Mary Ann Govoni had the pleasure recently to attend a recital and have her picture taken with Diane Bish, "The First Lady of the Organ."

It was held at Old First Church, Court Square in Springfield. Ms. Bish has her own international television series, *The Joy of Music*. She has played in cathedrals in Paris, Italy, Holland, Germany as

well as the United States.

The recital was well attended by clergy, local organists and lay persons.

Mary Ann's son, Vinnie, an organist at Sacred Heart Church and St. Theresa's church in Agawam, also attended the recital. His comment was, "What a marvelous organist!"

Exit Seven Players To Stage Auditions For Fall Production Of Once Upon A Mattress

Exit Seven Players will be holding auditions for the musical *Once Upon A Mattress* on Sunday and Monday, August 2nd and 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chestnut St. Theater in Ludlow, MA.

Performance dates will be November 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th, with a matinee on November 8th.

The cast consists of about 25 people, including six male and three female principal roles and numerous chorus roles. One of the major roles (the King) is mute throughout the play, and requires a strong actor with pantomime ability.

Auditions will be held in three segments: music, dance and reading. All auditioners must prepare a song in advance and bring their own sheet music for the audition accompanist. Audi-

tioners should also dress comfortably, and appropriately for a dance audition. Readings will be from the script.

Once Upon A Mattress will be directed by Pam Hebert, with musical direction by Steven D. Cirillo. Coleen Bartlett-Taylor will provide choreography. For information, call (413) 781-0266.

Production of *Once Upon A Mattress* is supported in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Council, as administered by the Ludlow Arts Council. Presentation is possible through special arrangement with Rodgers & Hammerstein Theater Library.



*in
old
Agawam*
by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

Charles Palmer Davis

In the late 1800's, Charles Palmer Davis married Minerva Porter of Agawam, and came to this town intending to run the large farm which surrounded what in late years was the Park View Inn. The neighbors thought his chances of success were rather dim, for, unlike local farmers, he sat up till midnight reading books and arose at 8:00 a.m. However, they recognized his ability in other fields and soon put him on the school committee.

When visiting a one room school one day, he listened to a very excellent recitation on Greek Mythology. Mr. Davis had been a reporter and editor on the El Paso Tribune, the Boston Daily Globe, and the New York Herald, and being news conscious, asked the students an embarrassing question. "Who is president of the United States?" Only two pupils, one his own daughter, knew it was William McKinley.

When this experience was repeated in other schools, Mr. Davis decided something must be done if the schools were to produce good citizens. The result was the Current Events magazine.



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Richie Mitnick Of Agawam & Troupe To Presents Arts Council Pops Concert

The second of the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council's summer concert series will be the "Richie Mitnick & Troupe—A Pops Concert." The concert will be held on the Veteran's Green at the Agawam Phelps Elementary School, 689 Main Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, July 22nd, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Richie Mitnick, formerly of New York City where he played throughout the area, has been performing locally for around 13 years. Richie's warm, friendly style and relaxing approach to standards, big band hits, and show tunes have earned him a huge following of fans who appreciate his dedication to perpetuating "popular music."

Richie attributes his special sound to the Technics digital organs, pianos, and keyboards that he uses exclusively. These instruments faithfully reproduce the sound of an entire orchestra, and then some. Richie represents these products at his business, Sounds of Music on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

You can also enjoy Richie on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Federal Hill Club in Agawam.

Performing with Richie on the Veteran's Green on Wednesday, July 22nd, will be some extremely talented performers:

Anne Provencher has performed in the summer concert series in West Springfield and East Longmeadow, and several Christmas spectacles. Her Anne Murray-like quality and easy vocal style always please the audience.

Ethel Lee has become the local "success-

story" over the past two years. Ethel has performed at countless concerts, clubs, and special events. She has an effervescent, bubbly quality. Whether singing a Nat King Cole tune, or Whitney Houston, Ethel gives her all. When not performing, Ethel is a well-known police officer in West Springfield.

Margaret McKerrow has also performed throughout the area. She is a voice and piano instructor at Sounds of Music and is active in the Tuesday Morning Music Club, as well as choir work at St. John's in Agawam. Her graciousness and poise add dignity to everything from the music of "The Phantom of the Opera," to operettas of Frim or Romberg.

Kathy Mitnick (Richie's better half) is an accomplished organist. Kathy has played at restaurants and lounges, as well as special events throughout the area. She also fills in at the Federal Hill Club whenever Richie has another commitment. Kathy has a gift for arranging music, and this shows in her duets with Richie. Kathy continues to win new friends and fans with every performance.

The public is cordially invited to share in the warmth and friendship that distinguish this group of entertainers. Bring your chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy this free concert.

Co-sponsorship for "Richie Mitnick & Troupe—A Pops Concert" is through funding by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

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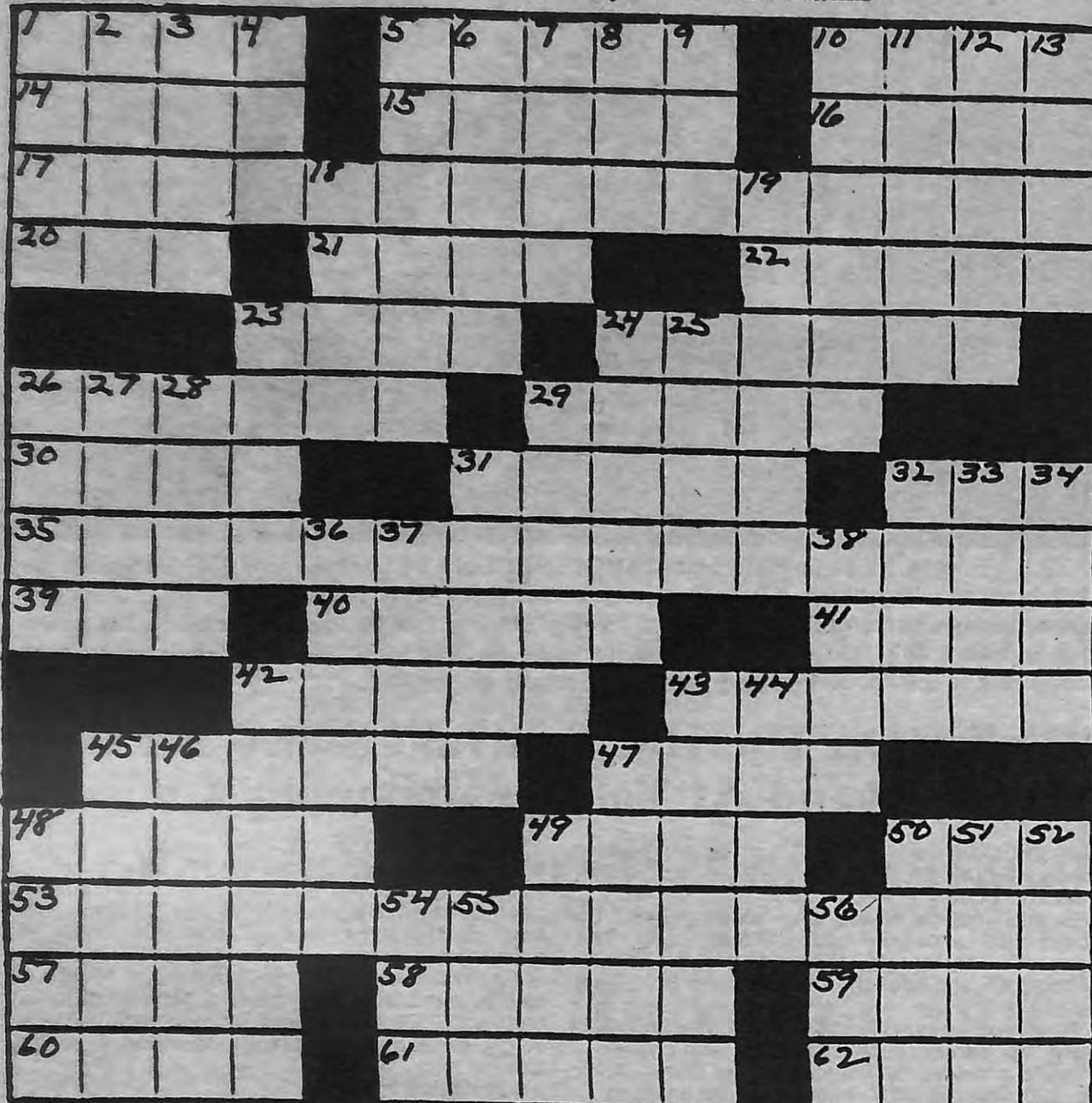
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IN OLD AGAWAM - from Page 32

May 20, 1902, the first issue of this one man enterprise came off the press in the Kinsman building on Main Street, Springfield. Its four pages contained 12 stories. Today, it is known as the *American Education Press* and puts out over 20 publications.

Mr. Davis wrote the articles for this paper until his death in 1921. His clear prose and wide coverage of news are still a challenge to the specially trained editors who write the papers today. He worked alone until 1907 when a company was formed. In 1917, the business moved to New York City and three years later moved again to Columbus, Ohio, that being a better location for wider distribution.

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For grades six, seven, and eight there is still the original *Current Events*, with a special edition adapted to New York City. For grades eight, nine and 10, *Every Week* has been published since 1934. *Our Times*, the senior paper, began in 1935. *My Weekly Reader* was started in 1928. Teaching guides are also supplied.

In 1945, American Education Press bought out the Merrill Company, text book publishers organized in 1842. Their publications fill a 32-page catalogue.

After Mr. Davis' death, his son, Preston, served as General Manager.

Charles Palmer Davis' writing attracted national attention in the campaigns of 1888 and 1890, when the leading issue was protective tariff. Also, he was the first American editor to advocate the Australian ballot system. In 1898, he was Democratic candidate for Congress.

In view of these successes, no one regrets his failure as an Agawam farmer.

Chet Atkins To Join Springfield Symphony At Stanley Park

"Mr. Guitar," Chet Atkins, will join the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for the third Summer Pops concert at Stanley Park in Westfield on Thursday, July 23rd, at 7:30 p.m.

Best known for his legendary country music career, nine-time Grammy and Country Music Award winner Atkins has also crossed the music boundaries into pop, rock, jazz/fusion, and New Age. This concert is sponsored by Mass Mutual and KIX Country—97.9 FM.

The Springfield Symphony, under Maestro Raymond Harvey, will kick off the evening with a selection of popular music such as John Williams' "Cowboys Overture," Aaron Copland's "Hoe Down" from Rodeo," and Rossini's legendary "William Tell Overture."

Atkins will then join the orchestra for a variety of hits including "Mrs. Robinson," "Waltz for the Lonely," "Sunrise," and "I Still Can't Say Good-bye," among many others.

Through the years, Atkins has been a popular side-man, collaborating with artists such as Hank Williams, Sr., the Everly Brothers, Elvis Presley, Mark Knopfler, and Paul McCartney.

He was also a producer from 1957 through the '70s, during which time he produced and/or developed acts that included Roy Orbison, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Charley Pride, and Perry Como.

As in the past, the Summer Pops program offers advance-order picnic menus from these leading caterers: Chanterelle, Farrell's, the Glass Lily, and Hofbrauhaus Catering.

Concert-goers order their picnic choices one day in advance, then pick them up at the concession tents upon arrival at Stanley Park.

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Tickets for the Summer Pops concerts are on sale at the Symphony Box Office in Springfield's Baystate West; the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at 166 Elm Street in Westfield; and Local Expressions gift shop at 132 Elm Street in Westfield.

Summer Pops is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Westfield Arts Council, and the Southwick Arts Lottery Council. Additional funding comes from the Business Friends of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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"Valley On The Hill Festival" Slated For This Weekend At Valley Community Church

Valley Community Church will be holding its annual Valley On The Hill Festival during the weekend of July 18th and 19th.

Events include music and entertainment by Rockabilly acoustic trio, "Jimmy and The Nurses," children's theater group "Kit-N-Kaboodle," and acoustic guitarist and D.J., Gary S. Jones.

There will be evening theatre on Saturday night, clown appearances, face painting, and balloon animals provided by Pioneer Valley Clown Alley No. 225. Over 50 craft vendors will be on hand.

Community and educational displays will also be available. There will be food and beverage booths, as well as a barbequed chicken dinner on Saturday evening.

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Games and prizes will be available for both children and adults. Pony rides will be provided by Forest Park Stables. A fundraising booth has also been set up for Agawam's Michael Pietroniro to help defray huge medical costs to treat his seizure disorder.

Festival hours are on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the chicken BBQ held between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Evening theatre will begin at 7:15 p.m. Sunday's hours are 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

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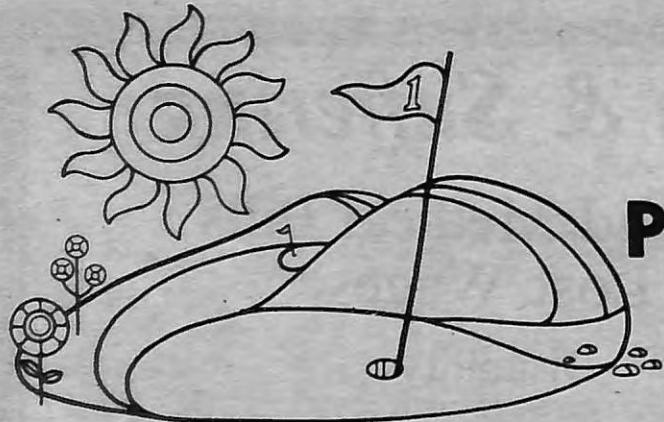
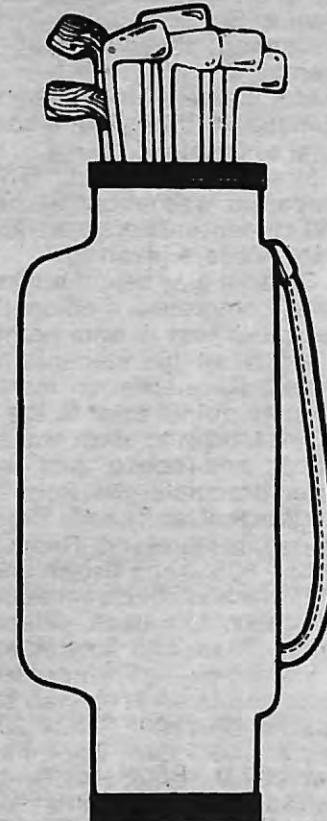
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Education

Accelerated Readers Feted At Middle School For Successful Year

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Muffins, danish, and orange juice served by the Agawam Middle School PTO helped 333 students celebrate their participation in the second half of the year's Accelerated Reader Program as the academic year ended.

This special breakfast was held to honor students attaining 10 points or more in the program. One Hundred and thirty-six graders were eligible, and 200 fifth grade students qualified.

Project SEE instructor Evelyn Lester, School Librarian Silvia Deliso, and Assistant Librarian Donna Scherpa once again ran the program throughout this year with assistance from PTO members.

Mrs. Lester said, "There were 16,500 points accumulated this year alone. That's an amazing total of points."

Mrs. Deliso added, "The 1991-92 year's participation was about 94 percent of the school's 600 students. There were 259 fifth graders and 341 sixth graders involved."

Student may select books from a list; when they have completed reading the book, they take a computer test to earn points.

A total of 105 students received pencils at the breakfast celebration for accumulating between 25 to 49 points prior to the June 16th party.

The following sixth grade students achieved 50 points and above, and each received a book: Karen Braccialarghe, Room 301; Daryl St. Laurent, Geoffrey Krapf, and Brad Tilden, Room 303; Christina Normand, Room 304; Jessica Hansen, Room 305; Irene Brown and Frank Gould, Room 311; Melissa Boissonneault, Room 313; Jessica Gonzalez, Ian Lane, Alison Pratt, Shawn Kane, Krista Dean, and Amy Mastroianni, Room 314.

The following fifth graders also achieved 50 or more points and received books: Sarah Ryder and Jessica Tudry, Room 202; Laura Tenerowicz, Room 203; Eric Bozenhard, Colleen Boisvert, Danielle Deforge, Heather Jensen, and Nick Penna, Room 205; Michelle Heim, Room 206; Angela Gontczaruk, Room 207; Sarah Cowan, Room 210; Meghan Kerr, Room 211; Christopher Bellerose, Erin Hanley, Robin Przybyla, Joey Williams, and Patricia Zerra, Room 212; Michelle Dubour and Debra Boissonneault, Room 213.

Sixth grade students awarded t-shirts for the "100 Club" were: Brad Tilden, Irene Brown, Jennifer Zerra, Kate Anderson, Jessica Gonzalez, Ian Lane, Jill Fogg, Heidi Semarie, Eric Robinson, and Elisabeth Shea.

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AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADERS were feted for their reading prowess during the last days of school. TOP PHOTO - Jennifer Hermans, Christina Normand, and Sheree Cardin. PHOTO BELOW - Karen Braccialarghe, Jennifer Thibodeau, and Karen Lapinski. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.



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Camp Rainbow Enjoying Great Summer



IN TOP PHOTO, making a donation to the town's Special Needs Camp, Camp Rainbow, is Elaine Taupier (left), a member of the Agawam Lioness Club. Accepting the donation is Nancy O'Keefe, camp director. Looking on is Lara Smith, assistant director. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Frankie Cappacio gets off the bus in anticipation of a great day of fun at summer camp. Advertiser News photos by Joan Lussier.



SIXTH GRADER Geoff Krapf accumulated 405 reading points in two years, the most of any sixth grader at the Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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Fifth grade "100 Club" t-shirt honorees were: Angie Gontczaruk, Bobby Fuller, Laura Tenerowicz, Patty Zerra, Robin Przybyla, Debra Boissonsault, Joey Williams, Nick Penna, Danielle Deforge, and Jessica Tudry.

High scorers for grade five were: Angie Gontczaruk (132), Debra Boissonsault (102), Laura Tenerowicz (98), and Robin Przybyla (97).

Sixth graders making it to the "200 Club" to win t-shirts were: Daryl St. Laurent, Gina Markowski, Nicole Molbury, and Jessica Hansen.

High scorers for grade six were: Geoff Krapf (108), Jessica Hansen (98), Jessica Gonzalez (91), and Frank Gould (91).

The most prominent recognition of the morning went to Geoff Krapf for the highest total of accumulated points during his two years at the Middle School with a whopping 405 points.

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Locals Qualify For Rensselaer Dean's List

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the names of students who made the Institute's dean's list for the Spring semester. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

Students from Agawam are: **James Karl Dion**, 28 Charest Lane, a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering; **Henry Lawrence Kozloski**, 102 Meadow Street, a senior majoring in Industrial and Management Engineering; **Scott Raymond Russell**, 756 Suffield Street, a freshman majoring in Engineering.

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer is the nation's oldest degree-granting technological university.

The Institute is known for its rigorous academic programs and for its strengths in aeronautics, robotics, and computer science, coupled with considerable depth in the sciences, management, architecture, and the humanities and social sciences.

Rensselaer is an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian university with approximately 4,100 undergraduate and 2,100 graduate students.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH BAND attended the Musical Carousel Festival in Salem, New Hampshire, with their director, Tammy Watson.

Jr. High Band Excels At Music Festival

The Junior High School Band recently participated in the Musical Carousel Festival at Canobie Lake in Salem, New Hampshire, where the group received excellent-rated award plaques for their concert band and jazz performances. Later that evening, band director Tammy Watson presented individual awards and awarded band pins to eighth graders.

Miss Watson presented certificates to the following eighth graders for their service and dedication to the band: Heather Chichakly, Adam David, Jon Gelula, T.J. Gontczaruk, Michael Perry, Erica Pratt and Jacob Reid.

The most improved band members received trophies. They were: Courtney Limbert, Elizabeth McGrew, Ben Os and Bill Rivers.

The Director's Award for Musicianship was presented to: Kate Brumer, Nathan Frailey, Selena Machia, and Amy Wisniewski.

The Darcy B. Davis, Jr. Leadership Award was presented to: Kelly Carmody, Nancy Cuccovia, Jason Reed and Nicole Weinle.

John Battista Named To Dean's List

John Battista of Agawam has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester at Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts.

Battista is the son of Raymond and Linda Battista of 70 Campbell Road, Agawam. He is an Agawam High School graduate.

Nichols, a four-year independent college of approximately 2,000 students, is a center for the study of free enterprise capitalism, primarily emphasizing business administration.

Nichols is located in Dudley in south-central Massachusetts.

Jazz Bank Most Valuable Player awards were given to: Alan Blake, Justin Casinghino, and Jeff Gaylor.

Students who performed at District and All-State were acknowledged as well as band officers and section leaders. A select jazz combo group was thanked for its silver medal contest performance.

Miss Watson congratulated the entire group for their excellent performances this year. She specifically mentioned the Big E Parade, A.I.C. Homecoming Game, M.I.C.A. Field Show Festival, Winter Concert, Solo and Ensemble Festival, Select Wind Ensemble performances, the Exchange Concert with Birchland Park Middle School in East Longmeadow and the All-Western District Jazz Championships.

Miss Watson thanked the jazz band members for attending rehearsals before school and remarked that all groups received medals or excellent ratings at all events this year.

Debra J. Bull On College Dean's List

Debra J. Bull of 260 James Street, Feeding Hills, was selected for inclusion on the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Lowell for the spring semester 1992.

Miss Bull is a nursing major at the university, which requires a semester rating of at least a 3.0 and no grade below a B in order to achieve Dean's List standing.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell, formerly the University of Lowell and now the second-largest arm of the commonwealth's five-campus university system, has 11,300 undergraduate and 3,000 graduate students.

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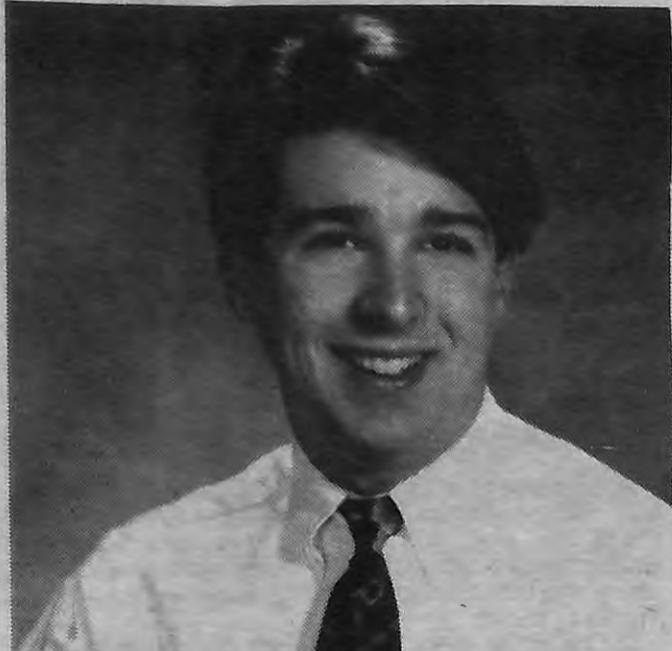


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JAMES E. ANDERSON, JR.

James E. Anderson Grad Of Wesleyan U.

James Edward Anderson, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Anderson Sr., of 673 Howe Street in Easton, PA, graduated on Sunday, May 31st from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, with a major in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

A total of 631 undergraduates received their bachelor of arts degrees, while more than 130 others received advanced degrees. The Commencement speaker was civil rights lawyer Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Founded in 1831, Wesleyan is a private, nondenominational, coeducational university of the liberal arts and sciences with 2,700 undergraduate students.

Mr. Anderson will be attending Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in the fall. Vanderbilt is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lisa Auchy Receives Dean's List Status

Lisa Auchy, daughter of Mr. Robert Auchy of Agawam, has been named to the dean's honor list for the 1992 spring semester at Franklin Pierce College.

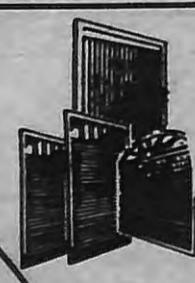
Franklin Pierce College is a four-year, co-educational institution in southwestern New Hampshire.

Located on a 1,000-acre campus, Franklin Pierce College offers degrees in liberal arts and sciences, business administration, and other professional studies.

Allan Porowski On Cornell Dean's List

Allan Porowski, son of Walter and Cynthia Porowski of 70 Cecile Street, Agawam, a sophomore at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Allan is majoring in policy analysis and will be enrolled in the Cornell In Washington program for the fall semester.



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OVER AT THE TOWN'S SPECIAL NEEDS SUMMER CAMP, Camp Rainbow, some of the people involved in keeping the camp running smooth include, from left - Matt Grych, Steve Moccio, Marc Swikalus, Derek Poole, Chris Mineo, Kirsten Decoteau, and Karen Stuart. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

17 Year-Old Egyptian Girl Seeking Placement In Local Family By Agawam AFS Chapter

Would you consider seeking information that could bring a 17 year-old girl from Egypt into your home and your heart on a full year American Intercultural Programs (AFS) experience?

Three Agawam families are already making the world a part of their family for the 1992-93 school year at Agawam High School. Agawam AFS is anticipating the arrival in August of girls from Australia, Paraguay, and Germany. Agawam AFS is hoping to host a fourth student, and the one still available, Alia, an active Egyptian student from Cairo who loves sports and is an excellent student, would make a considerable addition to the Agawam AFS Chapter. Alia has spoken English since she was four years-old.

Since 1975 the Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) has provided students from all over the world the opportunity to learn what it means to be an American through the AFS homestay experience.

During the 1991-92 school year, Agawam AFS hosted four foreign students, including Paola Anselmetti (Italy), Jovita Carrasco (Ecuador), Florence Laly (France), and Kris Tuerlinckx (Belgium), on the year program. These four students attended Agawam High School as members of the senior class. Each arrived last August and departed this month after enjoying perhaps the more memorable year of their young lives.

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Sports

**Tri-County All-Star Action...
Locals Defeat Hartford
Twi-Light League In
CT Last Sunday, 9-8**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There is a nice little ballpark in Middletown, Connecticut, and I had the opportunity to watch a game at cozy little Palmer Stadium on Sunday night as the local Tri-County All-Stars took on the All-Stars from the Hartford Twi-Light League.

Agawam was well represented at the ballgame as all four Agawam Auto School players responded with positive contributions in the 9-8 victory.

The game began as a slugfest and ended up a tight pitcher's duel. In the first inning, Agawam's Brian Griffin laced a groundrule double to rightfield on the first pitch he saw and that set up a two run inning for the visitors.

Agawam Scores In First

Griffin followed a Jack Janesiewicz (Game MVP, 2-3, 4 RBI) single and the Tri-County club had a second and third with nobody out situation. Agawam's Ray Burgess pumped an RBI grounder to shortstop for the first run. Griffin would later score on a shortstop error for the second Tri-County run.

It looked like it might be easy after the top of the first, but it wasn't long before Hartford reminded their faithful fans that they could hit that apple too.

Hartford came back with four runs, including a booming homer by Brian Crowley and a two run double by Jeff Brennan off Jim Dombeck, for a 4-2 lead after one.

Tri-County got back even with a pair of their own in the second. Ray Fagnant led with a single and rode home on Rich Rogalski's first of three hits on the night. Rogalski hit a flyball double to the warning track in left center to plate Fagnant. Rogalski scored on Janesiewicz' RBI ground to tie the score.

Dom Laurinitis led the second with a solo homer off Dan O'Neill and the game settled down until the fourth with Hartford holding a 5-4 edge.

Tri-County had its biggest explosion of the night when they put a handful of runs in the fourth off Hartford's lefthander Chris Strahowski.

Tri-County Increases Lead

Mike Kennedy walked and stole second base. Fagnant got a single to put men at the corners. Rogalski got his second RBI with a run scoring squib to third. That tied the game at 5-5. Mike Grygorcewicz walked to load the bases. Janesiewicz came through with a big triple to right centerfield that cleared the bases and put Tri-County ahead 8-5. Griffin struck out for the inning's first out, but Strahowski was victimized by a passed ball that allowed Janesiewicz to score the ultimate game winner.

Hartford got one back in the sixth as it continued its longball hitting with a tater from Walt Nakonechny (leading off against Scott Gongue). That cut the lead to 9-6.

Tri-County would not score again and the bullpen was in against some tough Hartford hitters. Hartford struck for another in the eighth and it could have been a lot worse.

Chris Peterson led with an infield hit to deep short. He was wild pitched to second base and a ground out sent him to third. The next batter fouled out to third base temporarily leaving Peterson

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'B' Division Softball...

Stabbin Cabin And Gino's Liquors Earn Dramatic Victories

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

An exciting night of action at Borgatti Field in Agawam occurred on Monday night as **Stabbin Cabin** and **Gino's Liquors** made dramatic comebacks in Men's Slo-Pitch "B" Division softball.

Stabbin Cabin ended their ballgame with a bang as Mike Fila smacked a grand slam homer to left field, capping a slugfest as the Cabin downed the **Buccaneer** 17-15 in front of a good crowd.

Cabin had the long ball working all night long, as they got five homers out of the top four guys in their batting order before Fila came through with their sixth dinger of the contest with one out in the seventh inning.

The Buc picked up two runs in the first inning on solo homers by Mike Homers and Skip Sherman. It might have been one more run when Dave Lyne preceded Holmes' blast with a bloop double, but he was ruled out when he pulled his foot off the bag after getting in there safely. The umpire was standing about six inches away from the play and rung up Lyne immediately.

Bob Pelletier rapped the first pitch he saw for a three-run homer in the bottom of the first, as he followed hits by Johnny Bretton and Barry Bemis by belting a shot over the fence in left center. Later, Dave Dupuis added an RBI hit and it was 4-2 Cabin.

Nip And Tuck Battle Ensued

Neither team gave one another a breather all night long as the ebb and flow continued inning after inning. The Buc retook the lead 5-4 with three in the top of the second.

Ed Kopycynski stroked a two-out single for one run; Jeff Ellis' shot to third was booted for an error and another run; and Bob Peloquin punched a double to right field to give his club the lead.

Stabbin Cabin was next to wear out the bat rack as they put up five more in the second for a 9-5 lead. The big blows in the frame were provided by Bretton (who belted the first of his two homers), Bemis (who crunched an inside-the-park homer), and Dom Pisano, who slammed a two-run homer on the heels of a Pelletier single.

The Buc got within two when they added a pair in the third. Tom Goodwin stroked an RBI hit, and Tom Moriarty drew a bases-loaded walk to trim the deficit to 9-7.

Cabin looked to put it away when they scored three more times in the third. Breton rapped a two-run homer and Pisano crashed an RBI double to make it a 12-7 affair.

The Buc Didn't Stop Here

The Buc would not die and, as a matter of fact, scored the next eight runs of the ballgame. They got four in the fourth. Two walks, an error, three base hits, and a sacrifice fly accounted for the quartet of runs in the fourth, and Buc was back within 12-11.

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Tornado-Threatened Game...

Wizard Auto Body Downed By Italian Sporting Club, 7-4

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A comeback attempt by the **Wizard Auto Body** was dampened by one of the worst umpiring decisions I've ever witnessed, and **Italian Sporting Club** came back to snare a 7-4 decision as tornado warnings threatened Borgatti Field in Agawam on Tuesday night.

ISC pitcher Mike Doura faced leadoff man Jim Moore leading off the game, and didn't see Moore again until there was one out in the fourth inning. Wizard had an 11-man batting order, so you can see that Doura had Wizard's number from the outset.

Meanwhile, Doura and number-three hitter John Pigeon were doing just enough offensively to keep ISC out in front. In the bottom of the first, Doura tripled to left center and Pigeon plated him with a single for a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the third, Bill Moge singled to center with one out, and one out later Doura singled to left. The runners moved to second and third on a late throw-in from the outfield.

Pigeon again rescued the baserunners with a two-run, seeing-eye single to center, and he had all three RBI in a 3-0 game.

They made it 4-0 in the bottom of the fourth when Dean Horacek led with a walk and moved to second on Frank Bonavita's single. Following a fielder's choice that nipped the runner at second, Paul Miarecki bounced into a fielder's choice which plated Horacek.

In the fifth, a mental error by Doura cost his club a run. Gary Resigno singled with one out and moved to second on a little roller in front which served the same purpose as a sacrifice bunt. Ed Mason followed with a wicked shot ticketed for center field, but Doura made a great stop.

Instead of taking the easy inning-ending out at first, he took two steps toward Resigno, who was striding to third. The throw to the bag was high, and Resigno slid in under it.

As luck would have it, Brian Cowell took full advantage of the extended inning by lacing an RBI hit to center, and Wizard was still very much in it, now trailing 4-1.

They shut down ISC in the fifth and came up in the sixth hoping to do some damage. Mike LaRouche got it going with a rocket to right center for a single.

Joe Wernick almost burned the shallow outfields with a rising liner to left, but the left fielder got back quickly and snagged it. Moore doubled to left driving in LaRouche, and he took third on an error in the outfield.

Some Unfortunate Trouble For Wizard

Dave Hamel singled sharply to right, plating Moore, and it was 4-3. The next batter, Jeff Johnson, deserved a better fate. That's the best way to put it.

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stranded at third. Kennedy booted a grounder to third that would have ended the inning. Instead, a run crossed on the play and the tying run came to the plate in the person of Scott Cormier.

The brawny outfielder smashed a drive directly over the head of Agawam's Shawn Smith in left-field. Smith turned immediately and raced back toward the fence with his back to home plate. Eight or ten steps later, Smith turned around and then lunged to his right to spear the ball head high. It was a spectacular, game-saving catch! (Smith also went 1-1 at the plate with a single to centerfield and a walk in the ballgame).

The Agawam story was not yet totally written. Pitcher Ron Viens came on to record the save in the ninth. It wasn't a thing of beauty. It wasn't Eckersley-like. But he stood in there (tough) and got the job done.

He allowed a single, a walk, and threw two wild pitches before he got the first Hartford batter out. But he settled down to induce a strikeout and a fielder's choice for the first two outs.

Game's Best Pitch

The hardthrowing right-hander saved the game's best pitch for the game's biggest spot. He froze Peterson with a sharp breaking curve ball for the game's final out.

Agawam Auto School combined for a single, a double, a walk, an RBI, no errors in the field, Smith's marvelous catch, a sliding catch in right by Burgess, and Vien's save.

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He took two called strikes in the at-bat and stood poised and ready for the 3-2 offering from Doura. The pitch was clearly a foot or more outside of the strike zone, and Johnson flipped his bat back to the bench area on the third base side.

As he trotted to first, the umpire rang him up with a strike three call, ruling that Johnson had swung at the pitch!

Incredulous, Johnson went back to the bench. He said quite a bit less to the umpire than I might have said, but the runner Hamel wasn't as fortunate as he was ejected from the ballgame.

Even he didn't say as much as I might have, and I know for a fact that he didn't use any profanity.

The reason that I spent so much time on this is because Wizard followed with singles by Rhodes and Resigno which tied the game (and naturally would have given them the lead, had Johnson not been ruled out). As it was, the game stood tied at 4-4, and ISC took full advantage of their good fortune.

Pigeon, in the middle of things again, banged a triple leading off and scored the eventual game-winner on Tom McGowan's double to left field.

Horacek singled McGowan to third, and the big guy scored on an errant throw from the outfield. One out later, Doug Miarecki's roller went through the legs of the second baseman, and ISC had a 7-4 lead.

They protected it nicely in the top of the seventh with the help of a fine sliding catch in right field on the slick turf, which had been poured upon only an hour earlier.

Cowell got himself another single, but that was all she wrote.

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They shut down Cabin until the bottom of the sixth, and by that time, Buc had already taken the lead. In the sixth, the Buc took the lead when Dave Lyne's long fly ball to right was almost caught at the fence, but it bounced off the glove and behind the chain link for a two-run homer and a 13-12 lead.

Unsatisfied with a one-run lead, they added a couple more when Dan Goyette singled in one run and Fred Perry rapped a run-scoring fly ball for the 15-12 lead.

Cabin scored one run in the sixth on Steve Bonesteel's RBI hit to right center field, and the Buc was unable to extend their lead in the top of the seventh. Cabin came to bat trailing 15-13.

Bemis (who had four hits in four trips previously) bounced to second leading off. Pelletier got his fourth hit when he pounded a rocket to third base that absolutely ate up the third baseman.

It was scored a hit all the way. Pisano drove a single to left, and Ron Dutton's fourth hit landed safely in left, setting up the heroics for Fila.

He hit a rising liner toward the left fielder and all the runners went into motion. The first thought was to think that all three runners might be able to score before it got tracked down. It was going to be exciting.

The left fielder sprinted back toward the fence as the twilight made him appear to be just a shadow in the distance. As he sprinted, he extended his glove to try and make the play. The infield looked like a traffic jam as the runners were whistling along the basepaths.

In the end, it didn't matter, the ball cleared the fence and everybody could slow down. But, nobody wanted to slow down. Nobody could wait to get to home plate so they could celebrate.

The Opener Wasn't Bad Either

The Village Lounge tried to stay one step ahead of Gino's Package Store all game long, but Gino's stayed within arm's reach all night long and finally stole the ballgame late in the proceeding to come away with a 16-13 victory.

Village got an RBI single from Jim Lancour in the first inning, which scored Blair Massoia with the game's first run.

In the bottom of the frame, Mike Loomer (4 RBI) hit an infield single to third that tied the game, and two more runs scored when the right center fielder misjudged a short pop fly, and Gino's had themselves a shortlived 3-1 lead.

Village tied the score in the second when Bob Stone and Tony Grasso got into the RBI column with run-scoring singles. The Gino's club wasted a two-out triple by Rick Parolo and did not score in the second. It was 3-3 after two.

Village grabbed a 6-3 advantage in the top of the third. Lancour's sacrifice fly scored D'Amour, who had doubled earlier. With two outs, Jeff Barker walked, and he and John Moccia streaked around to score on the next play when Moccia got

credit for an inside the park homer to dead center field.

He hit the gap perfectly, and a diving try by the right center fielder was missed and the ball rolled to the fence.

Gino's came back with two of their own in the third to close the gap to 6-5. Loomer whistled a two-run hit past the second baseman into right center to account for that pair of runs.

Village went to hacking in the fourth as they put up six runs and earned themselves a 12-5 lead. Bob Stone whacked a one-out triple and scored on the play when the catcher, who originally had made a super play to keep the ball from going past the backstop, fired the ball out of play and Stone scored on the dead ball.

That Was Just The Beginning

That was the first of 13 runs that would be scored in the fourth inning between the two teams. Village went on to score five more times as D'Amour, Raymond, Scott Barker, and Jim Sibilia would add RBI hits to balloon the lead to 12-5.

Undaunted, Gino's came back just as intent on scoring a bunch of runs. Aggressive baserunning and timely hitting got them seven runs on the fourth inning scoreboard.

Dave Laudato (single, double, triple) whacked a triple to left and walked home on Phil Barry's single. Sean Greolis and Parolo singled to load the bases, and Tom Cascio cracked a single to center to bring his club within 12-7.

Aaron Vanderhoof hit a sacrifice fly and two runs scored on the play when Village took their time getting it back to the infield.

Jack Patterson tripled to the fence in right center and scored when Village had trouble getting the ball back in again. It was academic when Jeff Peterson followed with a solo homer to cap theinning and get his team even at 12-12.

The teams each scored a marker in the fifth as Village got their run on a Raymond RBI single. Gino's got out of a possible big inning when Raymond was gunned out trying to stretch.

Gino's came back with another Laudato-Barry connection for their fifth-inning run. Gino's hit the ball very hard in that frame, but the Village pitcher made two reactionary stops on short that were pounded back up the middle. Those two plays saved at least two runs and maybe more. Both were turned into outs.

Village had scored in the first five innings, but would score no more. Moccia and Sibilia would draw sixth inning walks, yet Village did not produce a hit in the final two innings.

That cost them when Mike Dilullo and Aaron Vanderhoof began the Gino's sixth with bloop hits to the outfield. That brought up the heavy lumber, and Patterson and Peterson chased them home with Patterson's single and Peterson's sacrifice fly.

Loomer finished the game scoring when his sacrifice fly scored Patterson for the 16-13 lead.

Name Omitted From Little League All Stars

The Agawam Little League would like to acknowledge that the name of **Dan Beaudette** (who played for the "Mets" team) was unintentionally omitted by the Agawam Little League from the list of All-Star players that was printed in

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Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball...**Scoreboard Rallies Past Zoo Crew In OT**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The **Scoreboard** came back from dead last Friday night as they downed the **Zoo Crew** 10-9 in a nine inning affair at Borgatti Park in Agawam's "B" Division of the Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

In the bottom of the ninth, Scoreboard's Chip Bienia implored the bottom of the batting order to come up with "four singles" and that's exactly what the team provided in ensuring the victory.

Gary Guidetti, Tom Bienia, Mike Fiala, and Larry Barker all singled consecutively before Zoo Crew could record an out in the final inning. And Scoreboard's team was dancing on the diamond.

Zoo Crew Takes Lead On Homer

It was Zoo Crew that was smiling first as Eric Jerrold clobbered the first pitch of the ballgame on a low line towards leftfield. The ball was charged and the shoestring catch was missed and Jerrold zoomed all the way around for an inside-the-park homer and a 1-0 Zoo lead.

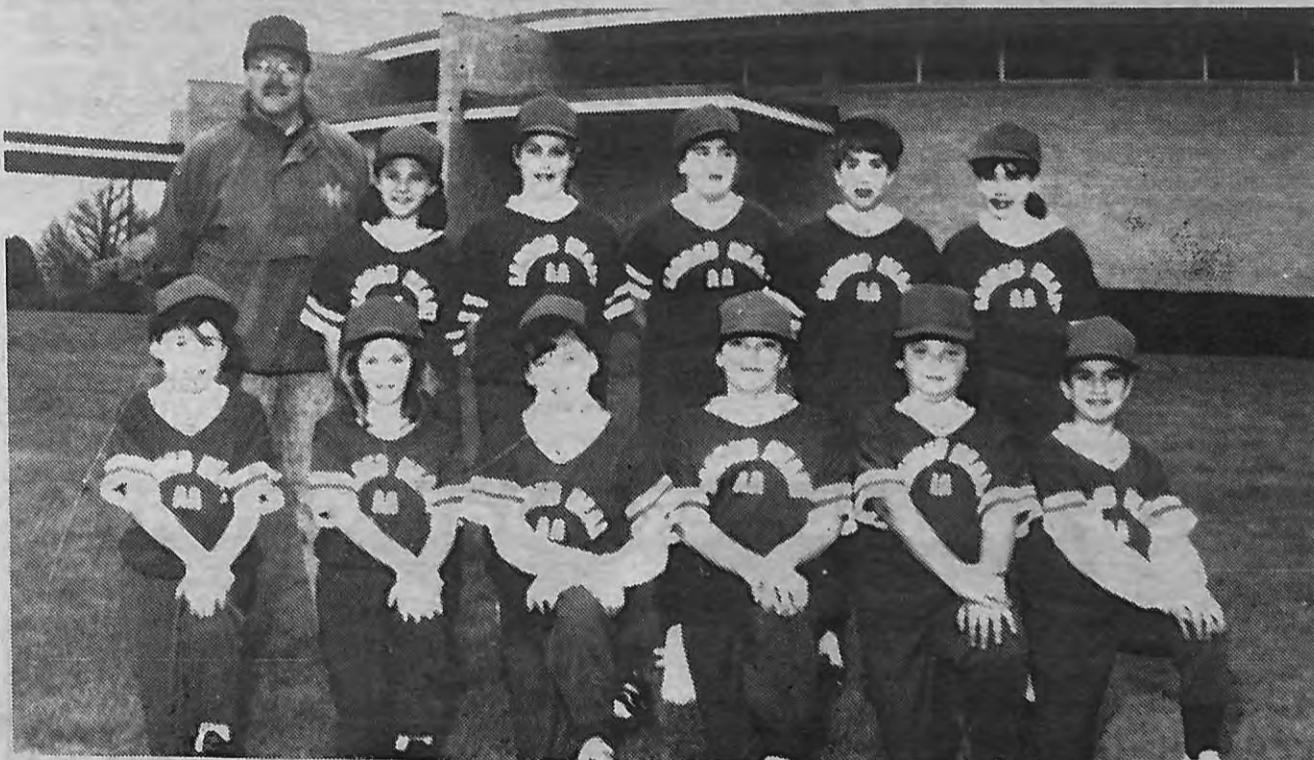
After John Assad singled to left and Darrin Clark bounced into a fielder's choice, Lou Prendergast smoked a high drive to left-center that just cleared the outfield fence for a 3-0 lead.

Scoreboard could manage just one walk in the first two innings and Zoo Crew put up their fourth run in the top of the third. With two outs and nobody aboard, Joe Lombardi clocked a double to left and Assad brought him plateward with a groundrule double to left-center. It was 4-0 Zoo Crew.

Scoreboard got it going in the third as they "singled" 'em to death" beginning with Derek Kozlak, who started it with a basehit to left. Guidetti's flyball to left was dropped for an error and Tom Bienia (three hits) slapped an RBI hit to right for Scoreboard's first run.

Fiala and Barker followed with singles good for one more run. After Rich Bienia bounced into a fielder's choice at the plate, Chip Bienia rifled a two run, game-tying single to left. Wayne Murphy walked to load the bases back up.

Another fielder's choice at the plate stopped the Zoo Crew's bleeding for a minute. But Jeff Daly stepped up and pumped a two run, go-ahead single for a 6-4 lead.

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Ag. Men's Slo-Pitch... Bertelli's Liquors Overcomes Early Seige By Bogey's In 9-6 Win

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Bertelli's Liquors shook off a big Bogey's burst in the first inning and came from behind to take a 9-6 victory at Borgatti Field in "B" Division Slo-Pitch Softball.

Walt Willard started the ballgame by lacing a basehit for Bertelli's in the top of the first. One out later, he was hung out to dry trying to go to third on a single by teammate Jay Wilkie. That ended the threat and Bogey's came up looking to take the lead.

They got themselves a handful of runs right away. Mark Lyne led with a single and moved to second on a second baseman's error on John Bretton's grounder. Jim Consolini was first to dent the scoreboard when he whistled an RBI single to center for the 1-0 Bogey's lead.

Bases Loaded

Derek Panaia followed with a run-scoring hit of his own and Mark Provost walked to load the bases for Mike Jeannette. The lefty came through with a long base-clearing triple to the fence in center and Bogey's led it 5-0. There was still nobody out. But Bertelli's hung in and put out the fire on two popups and a flyout.

In Bertelli's third inning, they finally put a run on the board when Kevin Grissom led with a single. He went to third on Justin Martin's single to right-center and scored on Willard's sacrifice fly.

Meanwhile, Bogey's was enduring four consecutive scoreless innings which allowed Bertelli's to chip away at the deficit.

In the fourth, Bertelli's got another singleton on an unearned run. Wilkie's grounder to third was booted and he came around when Mike Kulik singled him into scoring position and Scott Bleau drove a sac fly to left field.

In the fifth, Bertelli's got themselves all the way back into it as they put up three runs to tie the score at 5-5.

After Mike Passarini drew a leadoff walk, Mitch Moraczewski rifled a single to left-center and got a little bonus time when the ball rolled through the outfielder to the fence. One run scored and Moraczewski wheeled to third.

Grissom followed with a sacrifice fly to rightfield, and the rightfielder dropped the ball. Bertelli's was within one run and they had another baserunner on second base. Bogey's got a fine defensive play from their second baseman on a line drive ticketed for right-centerfield and the next batter fouled out. But Willard tied the ballgame with a clutch two out single to center.

Bertelli's Takes The Lead

Wilkie reached on a shortstop error to start the top of the sixth and he ultimately scored the run which put his club ahead for the first time in the game. Steve James blooped a one-out single into right-center and Bleau rolled an RBI hit through the shortstop hole for the 6-5 advantage for Bertelli's.

Bogey's got their first run since the first when they tied it up in the sixth. A wild throw by the third baseman had Mark Provost parked at second base with one out. Then, the third baseman grabbed another easy two hopper and threw it into the dirt. This allowed Provost to come around and tie the score.

Bill Ratcliffe came off the bench to smoke an RBI triple to the fence in centerfield (following a bloop double by Charlie Monnier). This gave Bertelli's the lead for good in the seventh. Ratcliffe trotted home on Willard's third RBI of the game (a basehit to right-center). That was followed by singles off the bats of Brent Purucker and Jay Wilkie for the final run of the ballgame.

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Jeb Balise and his 11 year-old son, Jeb Jr., are up in Gaspe, Canada, fishing for Atlantic salmon. I just received word that Jeb Jr. landed a 36-pound Atlantic. That is a thrill of a lifetime. He will never forget the thrill of landing his first salmon, and to have it weigh 36 pounds makes it that much more exciting. I'll bet it will be mounted to adorn his bedroom wall.

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Racing At Riverside...

NASCAR Modified Tour Special Coming To Riverside On Wednesday, July 22nd

It has always been a tradition at Riverside Park Speedway, for the mid-week NASCAR Modified Tour Special on Wednesday, July 22nd (rain date July 23rd), is this year's Budweiser "King of Beers 150" ... with a posted purse exceeding \$53,000.

Fact is, it's one of the highest paying short track events on the NASCAR Modified Tour. Why? It's all the little extras—extra incentives like no other—that have been added by promoter Ben Dodge.

Still, the biggest and most wanted tradition is the Pit Crew Contest. This originated through the efforts of long-time veteran Modified supporter Tom Francis.

Tom has been associated with the top tour teams, including Mario Fiore and currently Jamie Tomaino. He is also currently involved in a management position with *Speedway Scene*, a key racing trade publication.

To further the tradition, Riverside's Wednesday, July 22nd, Budweiser Modified Tour race will feature a traditional Tom Francis Pit Crew Contest, sponsored and named as the "Speedway Scene Pit Crew \$500 Contest." This unique program will be presented and instructed through the efforts of Tom Francis and Ben Dodge.

For the teams, it is a great chance for the pit

crew members to be seen and receive recognition they deserve. The object of the game is to change two right-side tires in record time.

Fast time will be determined by the winner; penalties will be issued for loose lugs, etc., adding to the times. Any team pre-entered is eligible, and there is nothing required except team information.

Defending winners in this contest (with the most awards) include Tom Baldwin, Jr., Mario Fiore, Curt Chase, Art Barry, and Mike McLaughlin/Clyde McCloud.

Tickets are on sale in advance for the Budweiser 150 special on Wednesday, July 22nd, and these advance tickets are \$18 for adults (\$19.99 for race day admission); kids, as always, are just \$3.

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Pre-entered drivers for this event include Jeff Fuller, Reggie Ruggiero, Satch Worley, Rick Fuller, Ed Flemke, Mike McLaughlin, Tom Bolles, Mike Stefanik, Jan Leaty, Tom Baldwin, Jerry Marquis, Dan Avery, Chris Kopec, and Bobby Gee. (In all, over 40 cars are expected.)

Avery Visits Winner's Circle For Double Points At Riverside Speedway

Double points mean double trouble as the list of new winners continues to grow in the Winston Racing Series at Riverside Park Speedway.

The Budweiser special event was also a Snap On Tools series special. An amazing crowd of 6,894 set the stage for the event that also featured the N.E.M.A. Midgets.

Dan Avery finally visited the winner's circle, but it was not an easy victory. Brian Schofield started on the pole and held off the pressures of George Rudinas and Bobby Gee.

On the 27th lap, it was Bobby Gee, who started eighth. Once Bobby Gee got the lead, he pulled away from the field like he was a sure winner.

Then, on lap 33, Bobby Gee had a mechanical failure that forced him from the lead. This gave Dan Avery the shot he had been waiting for. Still, it was a battle for second for Jerry Marquis, Ed Kennedy, and John Zavizza.

The event also had its share of problems that took out frontrunners like Rick Fuller, Reggie Ruggiero, Chris Kopec, and Bruce D'alessandro. Most of these problems were for heavy contact from threading the needle to get to the front.

Still, at the checker it was Dan Avery (Porter Chester) for an aggressive win over George Rudinas, who had a great run for second in the D.D.M. Motorsport Cavalier. Third was Marquis, who came from the back to finish ahead of two other hard-chargers, Ed Kennedy (Robert's Auto Sales) and John Zavizza (Metro Door).

Sixth through 10th were Stan Gregor, Larry Moore, Wade Cole, Dave Gallo, and John

Houghton. "This one is for my crew. This has been a tough year; let's hope this will turn everything around," said the hard-working Dan Avery.

Drew Fornoro dominated the N.E.M.A. Midgets feature as he took the lead and was pressured heavily for the final laps by Bobby Seymour, Greg Stoehr, Mike Favilli, and Babe Shaw. Sixth through 10th were John Coy, Jr., Jeff Horn, Mike Seymour, Rick Hart, and Frank Yantorno.

Defending Champion Tony Papale secured his third win from the back in the Pro Stock feature as Scott Bouley ran a strong second over Tom Fearn, who came from the back of the pack over rookie Kevin Czarnecki and Ted Hebert. Six through 10th were Wayne Carroll, Fran Forino, Rick Turcotte, Ed Carroll, and Rit Dulak.

Late Model action was really impressive as Chris Benson Woods took down the long overdue victory, as Rocky Mazziotti came from the middle of the pack to take second over Mike Bushior, Roger Charette, and Mike Quintilliano. Sixth through 10th were John Johnson, Rich Vasseur, Barry Gray, Fred LaForge, and Bobby Skinger.

Al Leone secured his third Strictly Stock win, beating out Todd Owens, Joe Czarnecki, Roy Houle, Bill Reiman, Mitch Drewnowski, Jeff Horn, Joe Arena, Allen Sudyka, and Ernie Legacy.

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Agawam Piranhas Swim To 3-0 Mark

The Agawam AA Piranhas extended their season's record to 3-0 with a 328-204 win over the West Side Torpedoes at West Springfield High School on July 9th. The results are as follows:

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100 yard medley relay, the team of Victoria Conti, Amanda Fox, Christina Climo, and Kyleigh Egan placed first; the team of Brittany Taylor, Lauren Gaffney, Katie Moore, and Brittany Theriaque placed third.

Christina Climo, first, and Kyleigh Egan, second in 100 yard individual medley.

Amanda Fox, first in 25 yard freestyle.

Amanda Fox, first, and Kyleigh Egan, second in 25 yard butterfly.

Victoria Conti, first, Lucy Young, second, and Brittany Taylor, third in 25 yard backstroke.

Christina Climo, second in 25 yard breaststroke.

The team of Amanda Fox, Brittany Theriaque, Christina Climo, and Kyleigh Egan placed first in the 100 yard freestyle relay; the team of Victoria Conti, Nicole Baginski, Lucy Young, and Jamie Wilson placed first.

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

Ryan Sullivan, first in 100 yard individual medley.

Joseph Santaniello, first, and Adam Rovithis, third in 25 yard freestyle.

Ryan Sullivan, first in 25 yard butterfly and in 25 yard breaststroke.

In the 100 yard freestyle relay, the team of Joseph Santaniello, Daniel Adamski, Matthew Schuh, and Ryan Sullivan placed first.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200 yard medley relay, the team of Jessica Jensen, Katie Kilrain, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second; the team of Shannon Costa, Ashley Roberts, Shaunessey Egan, and Kirsten Schuster placed third.

Caitlin Weisgerber, second, and Shannon Costa, third in 100 yard individual medley.

Kimberly Sullivan, first in 50 yard freestyle.

Kimberly Sullivan, second, and Shaunessey Egan, third in 50 yard butterfly.

Jessica Jensen, second in 50 yard backstroke. Kimberly Sullivan, second, and Shannon Costa, third in 50 yard breaststroke.

In the 200 yard freestyle relay, the team of Caitlin Weisgerber, Shannon Costa, Shaunessey Egan, and Kirsten Schuster placed second; the team of Bianca Chase, Laurie Chmielewski, Raquel Rodriguez, and Ashley Roberts placed third.

BOYS 9-10:

In the 200 yard medley relay, the team of Michael Thomas, Michael Grant, Jeffrey Rivkin, and Thomas Casiello placed first.

Michael Grant, first, and Jeffrey Rivkin, second in 100 yard individual medley.

Thomas Casiello, second in 50 yard freestyle.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and Thomas Casiello, third in 50 yard butterfly.

Jeffrey Robinson, third in 50 yard backstroke.

Jeffrey Rivkin, first, and Michael Grant, second in 50 yard breaststroke.

In the 200 yard freestyle relay, the team of Michael Thomas, Thomas Casiello, Jeffrey Rivkin, and Michael Grant place first.

GIRLS 11-12:

The team of Kelli Kunkel, Danielle DeForge, Sarah Nacewicz, and Kelly Robinson placed second.

Danielle DeForge, third in 200 yard individual medley.

Kelli Kunkel, first, and Bridget Donovan, second in 50 yard freestyle.

Kelli Kunkel, first, and Kelly Robinson, second in 50 yard butterfly.

Kelly Robinson, third in 50 yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, second, and Bridget Donovan, third in 50 yard breaststroke.

In the 200 yard freestyle relay, the team of Kelly Robinson, Bridget Donovan, Danielle DeForge, and Kelli Kunkel placed second.

BOYS 11-12:

In the 200 yard medley relay, the team of Christopher Gaffney, Brendan Kilrain, Matthew Slattery, and David Thomas placed first.

Matt Slattery, first in 200 yard individual medley.

David Thomas, second in 50 yard freestyle. Matt Slattery, first, Brendan Kilrain, second, and David Thomas, third in 50 yard butterfly.

Christopher Gaffney, first, and Richard Rodriguez, second in 50 yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first, and Matt Slattery, third in 50 yard breaststroke.

In the 200 yard freestyle relay, the team of David Thomas, Christopher Gaffney, Brendan Kilrain, and Luke Cardone placed first.

GIRLS 13-14:

The team of Rachel Niemiec, Tara Rivkin, Natalie Piccin, and Jamie Thomas placed first in 200 yard medley relay.

Tara Rivkin, first in 200 yard individual medley.

Natalie Piccin, first, and Jamie Thomas, second in 200 yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, second in 50 yard freestyle and first in 100 yard butterfly.

Jamie Thomas, second, and Erin Defuria, third in 100 yard backstroke.

Natalie Piccin, first, and Tara Rivkin, second in 100 yard breaststroke.

The team of Tara Rivkin, Jamie Thomas, Natalie Piccin, and Erin Defuria placed first in 200 yard freestyle relay.

BOYS 13-14:

The team of Michael Johnson, Kevin Gaffney, Jonathan David, and Michael Robinson placed first in the 200 yard medley relay.

Jonathan David, second in 200 yard individual medley.

Michael Robinson, second in 200 yard freestyle and also in 50 yard freestyle.

Michael Johnson, third in 100 yard backstroke.

Jonathan David, third in 100 yard breaststroke.

In the 200 yard freestyle relay, the team of Jonathan David, Michael Robinson, Kevin Gaffney, and Nicholas Graham placed first.

GIRLS 15-18:

Amy Hume, first in 200 yard freestyle and in 100 yard butterfly.

Beth Meagher, first in 100 yard backstroke and in 100 yard breaststroke.

Amy Hume, first, and Beth Meagher, second in 50 yard freestyle.

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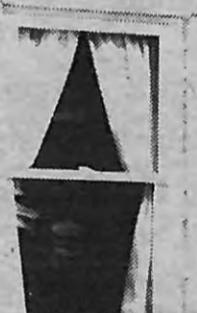
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FEMALE ADS

Code 35312 Attractive, petite, 42, dark hair, blue eyes, blessed in classy, warm and romantic 40-plus lady in good shape. Looking for all the right places—over blessed warm, intelligent, mature, well you might say. I'm secure, now all groomed and fit D/WWM 45-55

who's emotionally secure with a good sense of humor. I enjoy reading, dining in/out, dancing, movies, exercising and quiet times. Does this ad appeal to you? Please respond! Lite drinkers only.

Code 35322 Hi, I am a 29 yr. old female. I am considered very at-fun-loving, people person, wants tractive and outgoing. I'm 5'9" great sense of humor (not goofy), and weigh 115 lbs. I am adven-turesome and enjoy trying new commitment, but not in need of it, things at least once. I'd love to Aware of his feelings, not afraid to meet a man who's spontaneous share them. Not afraid to give, and easygoing who enjoys serious happy to receive. If divorced, able to put it in its proper place—the

Code 35333 Hi, I am 26 yrs. old, past. Prefer single, someone with very attractive, outgoing and a varied interests and fun. I am a warm person. I like to exercise, non-smoker, social drinker, no reading and I love the outdoors. I children, medical professional who am looking for a fun-loving, easy-has wasted a lot of precious time going guy who is physically fit, with the wrong men. I have a lot to give, but this time to the right man. Please write or call.

Code 35561 Fun-loving, attractive Photo, attractive, please. female in her late 20's. I have a great job and good friends, just Smoker, light drinker. I enjoy stock looking for that special man. car racing, country music, long rides, fairs and movies. Wants S/

Code 35562 Single white female, DWM 45-50, big guy type, John strawberry blonde, blue eyes, pe-tite and physically fit. Love to snow ski, water ski and all outdoor-ship.

Code 35652 SWF, 32, very attrac-tive, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, and likes good conversation. 5'7", 125 lbs., very fit. I am a friendly, intelligent, romantic, fun-

loving person who enjoys aerobics, waterskiing, snow skiing, movies, dining, dancing and traveling. I am looking to meet an attractive professional SWM 30-40 who is honest, intelligent, caring, fit, fun-loving and romantic with similar interests and is interested in a possible relationship. Please write, phone and photo appreciated.

Code 35646 Is something missing although you lead a full life? Striking SWF 28, brunette with brown eyes, 5'5", medium build, non-smoker, social drinker. Seeking someone to share excursions to museums, theater, cultural events, casual games of tennis, skiing, beach outings, community volun-teering. Enjoys fine dining, yet appreciates simple picnics near scenic views. Are you sincere, honest, SWM, 25-38, 5'6"+, non-smoker who has integrity, knows what he wants out of life and a serious relationship, is set in career and choices in life. Not intimidated by a confident, focused woman. If sounds like missing piece, please write. Photo appreciated, will reciprocate.

Code 35644 SWF, 25, 5'8", attractive, full figured professional with strawberry blonde hair and blue eyes. Have an outgoing personality, great sense of humor. Enjoys golfing, movies, animals, bowling, ceramics, fishing and various sporting events. Looking for SWM late 20's to early 30's, 5'10" or taller, attractive, good personality with college degree and career. Non-smoker preferred. Looking for those who are sincere, honest, trusting and commitment minded. Photo appreciated. Will reciprocate.

Code 35275 Don't you think it's time you walk out of my dreams & into my arms? Are you honest, sincere, like to snuggle on cold winter night? You are! Well please read on. Do you have a sense of humor? Are you a country type of guy, die hard romantic type like myself? 5'5", 120 lbs., blonde hair, blue I'm not interested in your age, eyes (no children). Looking for height, weight, hair or eye color, attractive mate who is honest, car-

just what's in your heart. But if you wonder what I look like, I'm 42, dark hair, blue eyes, blessed in all the right places—over blessed

Code 35511 I am 23 yrs. old. Looking for a special someone. I'm fun loving, cute and sensitive. I like to play sports and I love to dance the night away. I'm 5'10", slender, brown hair and eyes.

Code 35196 37, single, attractive,

Code 35532 Hi, I am a 29 yr. old

female. I am considered very at-fun-loving, people person, wants

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Code 35590 SWF, 32, 5'6", 120 lbs., medium-long blonde hair, hazel eyes, and wears glasses, works nights. I'm quiet. I love animals: wild & tamed. I like music: favors hard rock. I like: movies, comedies, concerts, long walks and Cape Cod. I like to watch sports: baseball, football, auto racing, mud bogs & monster truck challenges. Looking first for friendship with SWM, then maybe lead to relationship. Please write.

MALE ADS

Code 35044 SWM, 40 years old, 6', black hair, brown eyes, 190 lbs., non-smoker, very easygoing and understanding too. Very fun person to be with. I enjoy doing all different kinds of things in life. I am looking for special person who wants to enjoy this summer, let's share together.

Code 35224 SWM, 30, seeks SWF who likes quiet evenings, a good movie, dining and dancing to country & oldies, horseback riding, fishing, bowling, and tired of being alone, try this fun-loving, shy, single male who loves life, a social beer and a pretty woman, chubby okay. Please reply and let's hook up.

Code 35445 Hi. I'm a single white male, 5'10", 175 lbs., handsome, intelligent, and sincere. Fun-loving and a good personality. Like animals, running, the beach and the country. Looking for a woman in her 20's who is intelligent, attractive, and have a good sense of humor. Please enclose photo.

Code 35245 DWM, 41, blond, green eyes, 5'9", 165 lbs. Love to golf, quiet times, country drives, sports on T.V. or live football or baseball, the beach, and warm starry nights. Hugs are a must. Non-smoker, social drinker.

Code 35422 SWM, 33, down-to-earth, well educated, hard working, handsome, easygoing, as well as outgoing. 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes. I am full of life. Enjoy the outdoors, beach, skiing, traveling, and exciting nights on the town. I am honest, caring, romantic, and sincere. Looking for intelligent, trim ladies who would enjoy these attributes and interests, 23-33. Come on and let's get together.

Code 35370 SWM, 26, non-smoker, 5'9", dark hair and eyes. Quiet, romantic, and sensitive. I enjoy sports, music, dancing, skiing, walks on the beach and quiet evenings. Looking for a kind and considerate woman 24-28 with a few of the same interests to share long, lasting relationship. Please send photo.

Code 35460 SWM, 27, 5'10 1/2", 220 lbs. Like to meet SWF 20-27 that I hope would fully have the same interests. If you're looking to meet an easygoing gentleman, honest, loving, enjoys life, movies, walks on moonlit nights, and I have much more that I like to do. I'm a non-smoker, social drinker. Please reply with photo and phone.

Code 35296 SWM, 41, non-smoker, Catholic, financially and emotionally secure, owns home in the country. Would like to meet an attractive, slim SWF 20's to 30's who has strong traditional family values and has never been married. If this sounds like you let's meet for wine and conversation.

Code 35380 SWM, 33, 6', 169 lbs., fit, trim, brown hair, hazel eyes, moustache. Seeking SF who's attractive, considerate, down to earth, trim, and non-smoker, social drinker preferred. Age, height, occupation unimportant. Desire for love, companionship/friendship a plus. Ability to be yourself and relate your thoughts and feelings a must.

Code 36019 Looking for the perfect man - Good Luck!! But, if you're looking for a man who is friendly, compassionate, romantic and good-hearted and fun loving - that's me! I'm 40, 5'8", DWM, trim and fit. If you're trim and fit, 30-40, non-smoking, non-drinker with similar traits and tired of playing games, please write and send photo.

Code 35463 Single male, 33, Christian, clean cut, brown hair and eyes. Enjoys the great outdoors, visiting friends, traveling and good down to earth conversation. Physically fit and considerably active. Honesty and maturity important and also someone who enjoys doing things. Non-smoker, light drinker.

Code 35543 Handsome, DWM, 44, solitary sailor seeks safe harbor with pretty, ardent, slim, intelligent woman who can see the absurd and still giggle. I'm secure, blue-eyed, 6'1", 200 lbs., graying hair and beard. I enjoy gardening, motorcycle, cooking, country living, flights of fantasy with soft landings, Caribbean vacations.

Code 35639 DWM with children, non-smoker, 33, attractive, 5'8", 158 lbs., physically fit, financially independent, blonde hair, green eyes. Seeks S/DWF with or without children who is attractive, physically fit and secure. Who shares interests in dancing, movies, romantic dinners at home and out. All type of outdoor activities and family outings as well as quite times together. Social drinker o.k., non-smoker preferred and must be romantic.

Code 35598 SWM, Sexy, Full of stamina, very attractive, 35, slender and firm. Blessed in all the right places, over-blessed you might say. Wavy brown hair, mustache, hazel eyes, loves romance, dancing, sunbathing. I modeled men's swimwear. Sincere, love to love, hot tubs, antiques, getaways. Seeking a sensual, well developed S/DWF any race between 25-45 who enjoys taking chances and having fun. I enjoy a woman who brings out the manhood in me. Photo and number. Please leave message. Very sincere Non-smoker.

Code 35626 SWM, 32, 6', 170 lbs., dark brown wavy hair, blue eyes, athletic physique, non-smoker, light social drinker, self-employed professional. I like nature, relaxing times, outdoor activities, meaningful stimulating conversation, candlelight dinners (cooked by me), cuddling in front of a fireplace and trying new experiences. I'm looking for a mature but playful woman 20's to 30 who's looking for friendship, possibly more. Photo and phone appreciated.

Code 35664 Recycled Golden Man. Tall, sensual and sensitive, financial professional, vintage 1940ish. I seek a quality educated and responsive woman with home cooking genes and compassion. Should be at least 5'8", slim and a non-smoker. I enjoy the sea, fireplaces, Autumn, foliage and meaningful conversation. A friend and a lover to share life's challenges.

Code 35629 Male, age 33, single with blue eyes, trim and active professional. Outdoors I like hiking, biking, jogging and strolling. Indoors I like music, movies, museums and mushy stuff. Like to date single woman with curiosity and lots of energy. Family values are important for long-term relationship. Write or call.

Code 35654 6'2", blonde, blue, happy, active DWM in my thirties-old enough to know what I want and you enough to go for it! I'm looking for someone to share life's adventures: hiking, canoeing, country theater, poetry, internationalism, dinner with candles, the works! A woman with her own mind and willing to speak it would be most attractive to this Systems Analyst by day, Law Student by night. When I pass the bar in 1994, we will go anywhere and do everything! Kids are o.k.

Code 35661 SWM, good looking in very good shape, self employed, don't smoke or use drugs. I enjoy working out, running and sports. Looking to meet a stable woman with similar interests.

Code 35584 SWM, 28, 6', 170 lbs., non-smoker. I like the outdoors, dining, movies, dancing. I am sincere, honest and trusting. I also like to stay home and get a movie. I am financially independent and secure. If you are between the ages of 20-30, slim, please write and send number. If possible send picture. I also like to work out at the gym and stay fit.

Code 35658 DWM, 46, 5'9", 185 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, no children and a smoker. Warm, college educated professional with sense of humor. Loves quiet times, movies, dancing, dining in/out, walks, sightseeing, tag sales, activities at lakeside cottage. Seeks female with same interests.

Code 35605 SWM, 33, 5'7", 150 lbs.; secure professional, handsome, charming, witty, down to earth, honest, good sense of humor etc. But this is no joke, if it sounds to good to be true, check it out. Some of my interests are bicycling, swimming, scuba, skiing, and cooking. I pride myself on staying physically fit. Social drinker, non-

smoker. I'm searching for an attractive, physically fit woman in her twenties, with no children yet. She must be as serious about her career as she is about fun and relationship. Write, send photo, I will respond with my own. I wish you the best.

Code 35537 SJM, 55. Seeking attractive, intelligent, warm and affectionate female 45-55, to share the joys of life. Dining, dancing, theater.

Code 35603 SWM, 34, 6'3", 180 lbs., brown eyes, curly brown hair. Quiet, easy going, romantic - good personality, non-smoker, drug-free, social drinker. Like to dine out, dance, go to movies, go to the beach, a true adi mat. Looking for SWP 24-35, no kids, non-smoker, drug-free, intelligent, honest, romantic who likes to dine out, dance, go to movies, go to the beach. Someone who likes to travel. Skiing is a must!

Code 35518 DWM, 31. Can you dance 'till 2 am? How about 1 1/2 hrs of aerobics? Let's go to the Cape. This fun loving, easy going, physically active guy is looking for a girl willing to take this challenge. I'm 5'11", 160 lbs., athletic build, brown hair, dark brown eyes. I enjoy dancing, dining, cooking, photography, aerobics, lifting, motorcycles, boating, water/snow skiing, biking, golf, camping, and the beach. So if you're not overweight, a non-smoker who likes to be romanced and pampered once in a while, let's try some of these fun things together. Photo and phone # appreciated.

Code 35650 DWM, 41, attractive, educated, professional. I'm interesting, fun to be with, optimistic and honest. I enjoy biking, picnics, sailing, the ocean, travel, skiing, the mountains, romantic interludes, enlightened and intimate conversation, the theater, music and much more. I'm 5'7", 160 lbs., brown hair and eyes, physically fit and enjoy meeting people.

Code 35541 SWM, 33 years old would like to meet DWP who likes walks in the woods and horseback riding.

Code 35522 SWM, 27, 5'10", physically fit, handsome, warm and witty, with a secure career. Into music, outdoors, traveling and just having fun. I'd like to meet a S/DWF, 20-32 who's attractive, trim, warm, and with a good sense of humor, who would like to experience life to the fullest and possible romantic relationship. Write with photo, if possible.

Code 36021 SWM, 27, 5'8", 170 lbs., non-smoker, social drinker, never married, no children, physically fit, honest, loyal, romantic and adventuresome. I enjoy movies, dining out, dancing, hiking, camping, going to the beach, fairs, traveling, quiet times, stimulating conversation, walks, music, reading, friends, family and having fun. Looking for SWF, approx. 21-30, non-smoker, no children, physically fit, with similar interests and virtues. Take a chance with me and your dreams may come true.

Code 36016 DWM, 38, 5'8", 145 lbs., brown eyes and hair. Likes (alphabetically) cards, cigarettes, cocktails, dining out, going to bed early, movies, not dancing, sports on TV and Stephen King. Seeking compatible female.

Code 36017 SWM, 38, 5'8", 155 lbs., good looking, college educated, hardworker. Enjoys outdoor activities. Would like to meet a non-smoking, physically active, appealing, considerate and trustworthy woman for a possible relationship.

Code 36036 SWM, 30 yrs old, professional, handsome, 6'1", 195 lbs. and in excellent shape. Non-smoker, social drinker who's tired of the bar scene and needs to find that someone special. Looking for someone who's in excellent shape, loves dancing and moonlit picnics. Please send photo.

Code 35549 I am 70 years young, recently widowed, professional musician with a full head of silver hair. I enjoy music, dancing, movies, fishing, boating, country rides, gardening, back yard barbecues, dogs and cats, and willing to try new things. I am an honest, caring, considerate, fiercely loyal gentleman seeking lady with similar qualities and interests for companionship and life's many pleasures. I am very easy to get along with. Please write. Code 35551 I am a non-smoker and love to cycle.

with speed. Age consideration 25-36, fit, who likes to stay that way. Love to country two step and swing with a few beers to replenish liquids. Divorced with my two girls for the past 5 years. Enjoy being Mr. Mom, but it is time for me to find that special someone who wants a lot of attention and loves to give it back.

Code 35429 SWM, 24, 5'7", 140 lbs., short brown hair, hazel eyes. I am a non-smoker, social drinker, and I have a natural desire to achieve many goals in life. I have two children (she 3, he 4) and they are very well mannered, well brought up children. I am looking for an attractive, family-oriented female who would like to be treated like a lady. Must be under 36 years old. Let's work together to set many goals and have a fun time doing it.

Code 35595 DWM, without children, 38, looks and acts 10 years younger, 5'5", 143 lbs., physically fit, good looking with a sense of humor and receding hairline. Dependable, financially stable homeowner. Blue collar worker. I enjoy running, biking, roller blading, movies and more. What's your interests? I also like doing new things. Would like to meet attractive or average looking woman under 40 for dating, friendship and possible relationship. Detailed letter o.k. but not necessary. Please give phone number as we can have a conversation and go from there. Thinking of responding? Don't hesitate, just do it!

Code 35517 Good looking, athletically built, DWM, 40, 5'8", 155 lbs., believe in physical health, enjoys dancing, biking, lifting, swimming, reading, walks, new age thinking, animals, quiet times, romantic dinners, conversation, communication, friends, and practically everything else. If this describes you and you're a S/DWF, 5'4 to 5'8, physically fit, slim, vivacious, stimulatingly aggressive, flexible, outgoing, caring, positive, trustworthy, imaginative, can cook, and is ready to let life unfold its unlimited possibilities through a meaningful relationship, let's stop wasting time and start building a future. Non-smokers only.

Code 35600 DWM. Non-Smoker, 5'10", 165 lbs., dark hair, mustache. I am a caring person. I believe that true feelings from the heart with true caring make a true and honest growing relationship. Hoping to meet someone special with similar feelings, petite, 30-40. I'm in excellent physical condition, enjoy running, biking, camping, much more. Blend in honesty, respect, communication & commitment. Keep drug-free. Sprinkle with fun, affection, romance & passion. Results - 1 mutually

honest, caring, sincere teddy bear.

Like all music, play Casino, also like theater, bowling, golf, tennis, concerts, all sports and good food. Light smoker, non-drinker. Looking for special friend, enjoy life. Age unimportant. Try me, I'm worth it.

Code 35574 SWM, hiking, camping, amusement parks, open to new experiences. Looking for someone to share similar interests. No children, non-smoker, non-drinker. If you are 21-30, I'd love to hear from you.

Code 35656 DWM, 49, 6', 185 lbs., good looking, professional, doesn't smoke, drink, do drugs or dress up. Strictly monogamous, kids grown, owns home. Likes the outdoors, camping, gardening, walks, biking, etc. Looking for warm, friendly, honest, realistic female for permanent relationship. Must be sharp in the art of being a partner and a friend. A good relationship knows no limits and a good partner promotes a relationship at all times. This guy can deliver. All answered.

Code 35674 SWM. Enjoys life to its fullest. 30 yr. old professional, attractive, self confident, caring person. Believe in a well balanced life. I am looking for a honest, good hearted, attractive woman. Please write or call.

Code 35669 DWM, 28, 6', 180 lbs., non-smoker, social drinker, no drugs. Come on girls the holiday season is around the corner, do you want to be alone? I don't. I enjoy sports, walking, weekend drives, quiet times. Seeking 25-30, attractive, honest S/DWF.

Code 35672 A HARD MAN IS GOOD TO FIND. SWM, 33, brown hair/eyes, 5'8", very muscular. Seeks out work marlboro chick to get crazy with, share sweat and long hot showers. Must be lean, clean and mean. No fatties, fratty cats, or dops. If I seem too hard, you're too soft!

Code 35673 Looking for a Christian man never married, financially secure with established career? SWM, 31, ready to marry, interested in meeting a SF who is attractive, romantic for long walks, travel, picnics, biking, going out for coffee. Lets get to know each other, I need you!

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